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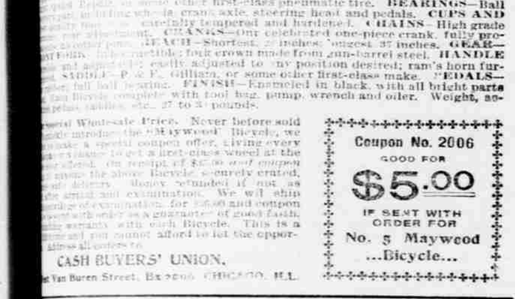


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## "MOTHER'S APRON STRINGS."

When I was but a verdant youth
I thought the truly great
Were those who had attained, in truth,
To man's mature estate,
And none my soul so sadly tried
Or spoke such bitter things
As he who said that I was tied
To mother's apron-strings.

I loved my mother, yet it seemed
That I must break away
And find the broader world I dreamed
Beyond her presence lay.
But I have sighed and I have cried
O'er all the cruel stings
I would have missed had I been tied
To mother's apron-strings.

Oh, happy, trustful girls and boys!
The mother's way is best.
She leads you mid the fairest joys
Through paths of peace and rest.
If you would have the safest guide,
And drink from sweetest springs,
Oh, keep your hearts forever tied
To mother's apron-strings.
—Nixon Waterman, in L. A. W. Bulletin.

## SUGAR OR SALT.

BY RYE JOHNSON.

It was an old-fashioned house, in the suburb of an old-fashioned town. Nancy Moore stood upon the porch and watched the carriage until it disappeared around the bend near the bridge; then, turning, danced gleefully into the pleasant kitchen. "Miss Nancy Moore, Missus' for the day, if you please," she said aloud with a sweeping courtesy, though her own bright self was the only being visible. Then dropping into an easy chair, placed invitingly near an open window through which the sweet morning air came in delightful little puffs, she proceeded to plan her day's work.

"Mamma and papa are off for the day, and I may work my own sweet will while they are away. There's a rhyme to begin with, you silly thing. They will be gone until near five, and Cousin Hal is coming home with them to tea. I am to prepare that tea, or rather dinner. Let me see, what shall we have? There's beautiful bread, butter and honey for a foundation. I'll make some of those mock mince pies papa loves so dearly. Then a white cake and a cream layer, a mold of variegated apple jelly to please mamma, some lemon jelly to please Hal" (with a flush at mention of that name); "then there's potato salad, creamed potatoes, fried chicken — there — that will do, Nancy, you must remember the darling old papa is not rich."

Springing up, the happy girl took down a huge gingham apron from a convenient nail, and after donning it, rolled her sleeves above her dimpled elbows. The fire was rebuilt in the cookstove and the dampers were regulated. Then seizing a pan she ran lightly down the cellar stairs to the potato bin.

"Two cupfuls and a half of grated potato," she said, as she selected tubers, "and if I have any over I shan't put it in as I did last time. Strange how coy it is to spoil a nice dish by not following the directions implicitly."

Nancy sang merrily as she pared, washed and dried the potatoes. Then she proceeded to grate them coarsely, but unfortunately rubbed her thumb over the grater, thereby interrupting her song for a minute. But she was too happy to care for a wounded thumb, and was soon warbling away in unison with the birds who were singing their October melodies preparatory to a hasty flitting.

"Two cupfuls and a half of grated potato, two cupfuls of boiling water poured over them, one cupful of vinegar, one of molasses, one and a half of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, and one of cloves. Batter size of an egg and a cupful of raisins," she recited aloud, as she added each ingredient in turn. "There, that's all now for my crust and papa's mince pies are made."

In a very short time she had four dainty-looking pies in the oven, and the savory odor they emitted when she presently opened the oven door was a wonderful imitation of the original to say the least.

While her pies were baking, she prepared her mold of variegated apple jelly by peeling and cutting up a pound of sour apples and putting them to cook in a stewpan with three ounces of sugar, a cupful of water and the juice and grated rind of a lemon. When they were cooked to a pulp, she put them through a strainer and added an ounce of gelatine, which she had dissolved in a gill of water. Half of the apples she colored with a teaspoonful of cochineal, and then she filled her mold with alternate layers of the colored and uncolored fruit. When it was cold, she turned it out upon a glass dish, and it was to be served with a pint of whipped cream piled high on the center. This done, she made the cream for her layer cake. By that time the pies were done and the cake making followed.

Everybody has a favorite recipe for white cake, but perhaps Nancy's simple formula for layer cake may fill the need of some one whose papa like hers is "not rich:" "One cupful of white sugar," said she aloud—someway she had talked to herself all day—"one egg, half a cupful of saleratus and one of lemon. Now just flour enough for a running batter, and into the three tins you go."

Everything turned out splendidly, and Nancy felt a thrill of pardonable pride as she surveyed her finished pies, cakes and apple jelly.

"Now for my lemon jelly," she said, after a short rest in the easy chair by the window, and a few breaths of the pure fresh air that had a hint of frost in it. "I shall be all done by twelve and can climb the hill for those autumn leaves this afternoon."

Half an hour later a row of fancy molds of golden jelly stood upon one of the wide old-fashioned window sills. A brisk and energetic war was then waged with the various articles used in baking. Of course they were speedily vanquished; and when they were all out in their places in shining cleanliness, the tired yet happy girl hung up her gingham apron and rolled down her sleeves with a sigh of relief. The chicken was in the cool cellar all ready for the frying pan, the potato salad must be prepared later on, for it could not stand too long, while it would only take a few minutes to cream the potatoes while the chicken fried.

Nancy thought of all this while setting the table. The wide kitchen was also the dining-room, but it was built before people began cutting their houses up into so many rooms. The east end with its matting covered floor, windows full of sweet smelling plants, and daintily set table with its snowy linen and shining glass, formed so pretty and inviting a picture, no one need look further.

The girl gave a sigh of satisfaction as she surveyed her finished task, then covered all with a length of netting. An hour's rest, a lunch for which she brought a good appetite, and then she set out on her search for October treasures.

She was back long before the hour of her parents' return, and when they arrived she stood at the gate to receive them. Hal Dinsley was with them, as she had expected, and he thought he had never seen so fair a picture as she presented in her soft brown dress, a spray of belated goldenrod at her throat and another in her hair.

There was a happy look in her dark eyes, and a deep flush stained her cheek as he held her hand in greeting. But someway he did not like the "Cousin Hal," so freely bestowed. A nearer and dearer title would have been far more to his liking.

They were a little late, so made haste to prepare for the meal which Nancy said was waiting for them.

How everybody did enjoy that tea. It was not considered ill-mannered in that section, if anything was particularly good, to say so, and Nancy found herself loaded with compliments.

"Now, here's a pie a man can eat without a haunting fear of indigestion or nightmare," said Mr. Moore, as he deposited a generous triangle of the mock mince upon his plate. "You have excelled yourself, dear, they are splendid." Thus it was with everything until the cakes were passed.

Nancy sat with downcast eyes, blushing under Hal's admiring glances, when a sudden and complete silence on the part of all caused her to look up. Mr. Moore was evidently on the verge of a fit, or making a heroic attempt to suppress a laugh. She glanced at Hal. He, too, was smiling, despite all efforts to the contrary. "My dear," said her mother in a queer voice, "where did you get the sugar for your cake?"

Nancy looked surprised. "Why, after I used what was in the bucket, I opened that paper papa brought yesterday."

"Oh, by George, I thought so," and Mr. Moore burst into a ringing peal of laughter.

Mrs. Moore could not speak, but motioned for Nancy to taste her piece of cake.

She obeyed, but the expression of disgusted amazement on her face which followed was too much for Hal, and he joined the chorus. Nancy sat a moment the picture of mortification. Her beautiful cake, which rivaled the snow in whiteness, and her cream layer of which she had been so proud, were both made of salt!

But really, it was too comical, and a moment later she was laughing as heartily as any of them.

Well, the supper was a great success, notwithstanding her awful blunder; and ere she laid her head upon her pillow that night, Cousin Hal, who really was no cousin after all, had asked her to sweeten his cakes for all his life. And she had promised to do so, provided he furnished nothing but salt.

Nancy is now mistress of a home of her own, and has become a notable housewife. But she never uses the contents of a package without being sure whether it is sugar or salt.—Good Housekeeping.

## ENGLISH DRINKING SONGS.

**Fletcher's Happy Efforts and the Variations of It.**

The best of the English drinking songs were written by the dramatists of the seventeenth century, men who trolled out their vigorous sentiments, linked sweetly together in flowing verse, without the smallest thought or fear of shocking anybody. Frankly indecorous, they invite the whole wide world to drink with them, to empty the brimming tankard passed from hand to hand, and to reel home through the frosty streets, where the watchman grins at their unsteady steps, and quiet sleepers, awakened from dull dreams, echo with drowsy sympathy the last swelling cadence of their uproarious song. Where there is no public sentiment to defy even Bacchanalian rioters and Bacchanalian verses cease to be defiant. What admirable good temper and sincerity in Fletcher's importunity:

"Drink to-day and drown all sorrow,
You shall perhaps not do it to-morrow;
Best, while you have it; use your breath;
There is no drinking after death.

"Then let us swill, boys, for our health,
Who drinks well loves the commonwealth.
And he that will to bed go sober
Falls with the leaf, still in October."

Upon this song successive changes have been rung, until now its variations are bewildering, and to it we owe the ever-popular and utterly indefensible glee roared out for generations by many a lusty tavern chorus:

"He who goes to bed, and goes to bed sober,
Falls as the leaves do, and dies in October;
But he who goes to bed, and goes to bed mellow,
Lives as he ought to do, and dies an honest fellow."

—Atlantic.

**Making War Balloons.**

Women make the aerostats, or war balloons, used by the British government, and also do some part of the roping of the balloons. They work in sheds built specially for the purpose. There are about 35 women engaged, and all earn good wages. They are mostly the wives and daughters of soldiers, and have all been carefully trained by the superintendent of the balloon department. The making of the balloons requires a very delicate touch, one thin film of bullock's skin having to be laid over another with the greatest care. The ends of the ropes have also to be woven into each other with extraordinary deftness.

**Moon Mountains.**

The mountains of the moon are immensely large in proportion than those of the earth. The moon is but one forty-ninth the size of the earth, but its mountain peaks are nearly as high. Twenty-two are higher than Mount Blanc, which is within a few feet of three miles high. The highest is a little more than four miles and a half.—St. Louis Republic.

## SURGERY IN THE BACKWOODS.

**Dislocation Treated by Means of a Pulley and Steam Engine.**

"Probably as queer a piece of backwoods surgery as has been described," says a frequenter of the region, "was that performed by a Mooschead lake guide known as 'Old Sabattus,' 20 years ago. The man was not an Indian, as his nickname implies, but a Yankee, one of those rough fellows formerly characteristic of that locality. This guide was left on a lake steamboat at one of the far up landings while the engineer went ashore with the company. A man named Meservey came aboard and in fooling around the boat managed to tumble down into the fire pit and put his shoulder out of joint.

"Here was a dilemma. The other members of the party would not be back for half an hour, and the injured man was in great pain. The guide was a man of expedients. He got a rope and tied his patient securely to a post. Then he tied another rope around the man's wrist and hitched the loose end to a pulley of the engine. He managed somehow to turn on steam and the pulley began to wind up the rope. It drew the arm out tight in beautiful shape, and presently the joint snapped back into its socket. 'Sabattus' jumped around to shut off steam while the pulley kept on winding. 'Holy Moses,' gasped the guide, excitedly, 'how does it go? I don't know where 'tis. I can't stop the blanked thing,' and the pulley meanwhile was slowly but surely pulling Meservey to pieces. His eyes were sticking out of their sockets and he screamed and gasped for breath.

"'Sabattus' danced around like a wild man, not knowing what to do, when he happened to spy a hatchet lying near and, jumping for that, he cut the rope and saved a dreadful catastrophe. This was done just as the party of city folks who had gone ashore came rushing back on to the boat, alarmed at Meservey's screams. It was some years afterward," says the narrator, "that I was present when a lot of summer company arrived at Greenville. 'Sabattus' was there, too, and presently a distinguished looking man, one of the newcomers, went up to him and said, with a meaning smile: 'Are you the man that practices surgery by steam?' and 'Sabattus' had to admit that he was 'that same feller.'"—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

## ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND EYESIGHT

**Unprotected Lamps Found to Be Injurious to the Eyesight.**

The question of injury to the eyes from electric light is being prominently discussed by scientists, oculists and laymen throughout the country. While opinions widely differ as to the ultimate injury likely to result from the rapidly increasing use of electricity, the consensus of opinion is that light from uncovered or uncolored globes is working damage to the eyesight of humanity. In a discussion of the subject a London electric light journal, in defending its trade, feels called upon to make some important admissions. It says: "It is not customary to look at the sun, and not even the most enthusiastic electrician would suggest that naked arcs and incandescent filaments were objects to be gazed at without limit. But naked are lights are not usually placed so as to come within the line of sight, and when they do accidentally, whatever may result, the injury to the eye is quite perceptible. The filament of a glow lamp, on the other hand, is most likely to meet the eye, but a frosted bulb is an extremely simple and common way of getting over that difficulty. The whole trouble can be easily remedied by the use of properly frosted or colored glass globes. In any case, however, the actual permanent injury to the eye by the glowing filament is no greater than that due to an ordinary gas flame."

## CHICAGO HORSES AT LUNCHEON

**Man's Faithful Servants Emulate Him in Taking a Hurried Meal Downtown.**

Even the horses of this city take luncheon downtown. Every business man knows what this means, the hurried bite taken in the short hour about noon every day, when business is abandoned long enough to permit the destruction of a piece of pie or a sandwich Everybody does it, so it is as fair for one as the other, says the Chicago Chronicle.

This same haste applies to the nag which pulls the cab or the heavy draft horses used as freighters. At the noon hour on any of the downtown streets the observant person can see these faithful beasts with nosebags depending from their heads quietly munching their oats or corn with every evidence of satisfaction.

It makes no difference to the horses that the passing throng sees them in the act of taking food. They are as callous on this subject as their masters, many of whom can be seen sitting on the wagon or adjacent sidewalk with tinpail open, eagerly destroying the luncheon which the wife packed in the morning. It is all in a lifetime, and the Chicago horse has learned that he must eat when he can, and not be too particular about it. Hence he lays his ears back and munches away with placid joy.

**The Unknown South.**

The international geographical congress in London a year ago declared that the greatest piece of geographical exploration remaining to be undertaken is that of the antarctic regions. Since then a number of small expeditions toward the south pole have been planned, but little has yet been accomplished, and Dr. Mill reminds English readers in Nature that, although 55 years have elapsed since Capt. Ross discovered the two giant volcanoes which he named Mounts Erebus and Terror, they have never again been seen, and no important additional facts have been learned about that mysterious part of the globe.

**Choice Hibernicisms.**

At the convention of the Irish race last month in Dublin two speakers, who had come from the United States, contributed the following sentences in the course of their speeches. One of them, in giving some details of personal history, informed his hearers that "he had left Ireland 53 years before, a naked little boy, without a dollar in his pocket." Said the other: "Until last week I had never set foot in the land of my birth."

## MRS. LATON'S TEA.

Ensconced in the depths of her big arm chair, a smile lighting up her fine old face that her white hair framed with a crown of snow, Mrs. Harmon was considering her nephew Andrew, a good-looking young fellow of 25, who, for his part, was considering the timepiece on the mantel, whose hands were already past three o'clock.

"Well, Andrew, do you find the clock very interesting?"

In some confusion the young man stammered an excuse, but she went on:

"Now, don't deny it, you naughty fellow. You wanted to know if your visit had lasted long enough for you to take your departure decently."

"Not at all, aunt. Your guess is quite wrong, for I haven't the slightest intention of going yet. But why do you keep a regular sun dial like that in your drawing-room?"

"Perhaps because I was born so long ago that it is I and not the clock that is behind time. But come—instead of criticising my drawing-room, tell me what you are going to do when you leave here."

"In the first place I am not going to leave here for some time; but when I have wearied you with my presence until you cannot stand it any longer, it will be time for me to go to Mrs. Laton's tea."

"Mrs. Laton—Pauline Laton?"

"The same."

"Ah, yes, I used to see her some time ago. I remember her vaguely—a large woman, dark—"

"She is a blonde, aunt."

"Indeed? She used to be a brunette. And so you are sighing at the feet of Mrs. Laton?"

"We are all sighing at her feet."

"She must enjoy it."

"Well, I rather think she does."

"Is it fun?"

"Yes, after a fashion. We are always the same little circle of friends, and then, besides Mrs. Laton, there's a sister, a rather good-looking girl, and a few other young matrons and bachelor girls."

"And what do you do besides look at these women?"

"We take tea, which we moderate with rum, a bit of lemon; we gossip and we flirt."

"Oh, oh."

"But, my dear aunt, one must do something between five o'clock and dinner."

"Evidently, and flirting is what you have found to do."

"It is a way to kill time."

"I scarcely know what you mean by the term. Explain it to me."

"Oh, impossible. A definition for the word has long been sought, but it has not yet been found. But, given a young woman tete-a-tete with a young man who is not a fool, and I warrant you it won't be long before you will have a practical demonstration. Flirtation is a manner of being discreetly indiscreet. To know how to flirt is no common accomplishment. It is a veritable science."

"And is love a science, too?"

"No, it is rather an art."

"And marriage—what is it?"

"Oh, that is philosophy."

"Indeed? At what age does one attain this philosophy?"

"As late as possible."

"It seems to me that at 28—"

"Aunt, aunt!" cried Andrew, springing from his chair, "confess that you are concocting some terrible plot. You look as guilty as a conspirator."

Mrs. Harmon smiled a fine smile and enjoyed for a moment the consternation in her victim's face. Then she answered, after a pause:

"Yes, you are right. I wish you to get married."

"In heaven's name what have I done to you?" gasped the young man, with comic seriousness; and, as the old lady still smiled, he continued: "See here, aunt, I should never have suspected you of such a thing. You, a woman of intelligence, a superior woman, descending to the role of match-maker! It is a terrible shattering of my ideals."

"Come, come, my poor boy, do not be so cast down. The girl is charming, I can assure you."

"Of course," Andrew burst out, "the girl is always charming. Oh, I know her; I can see her now; she may not be exactly pretty, but, as you have said, she is charming. She dresses admirably, and makes all her own gowns. She stood at the head of her classes in school, and attends lectures now. Moreover, she has taken cooking lessons and can put up preserves. She plays the piano, she sings, she paints, and she has a tidy fortune in her own right. Bah! No, a thousand times, no! I do not want this miracle of perfection. I know a thing or two, aunt, even if I don't look it, and if I marry, I shall marry a woman who suits me. But I know girls—they are all alike—and I know what they are and what they are worth. There isn't one who suits me, or can suit me, and I shall remain a bachelor."

"And you go to take tea at Mrs. Laton's," murmured Mrs. Harmon between her teeth, while a disturbing expression came into her clear-seeing old eyes.

Under this ironical and even inquisitorial look Andrew lost countenance a little; he could not deny that to matrimony he preferred flirting with Mrs. Laton.

He was pulling himself together to reply, or rather to defend himself, when the street door bell was heard.

"A caller, eh? Is this your reception day, aunt, or do you, too, give your friends tea at five o'clock?"

"You are impertinent, nephew. At my age a woman does not give 'five o'clock flirtations.' It is not even a caller. I am sure it is my little friend Rosamond, the 'charming girl' I spoke of."

"I shall flee, then."

"Do you not wish even to see her?"

"Never! Or, if you insist, I shall go into this little ante-room and look at her through the crack of the door. That is the only concession I shall make," and the young man stepped quickly into the next room as the opposite door opened to admit the visitor; through the slit Andrew could make out the graceful silhouette of a young girl.

"How do you do, Mrs. Harmon?" said the girl, as she entered the room. "I have brought back the little books on the orphan asylum that you lent mamma. May I stay a moment with you?"

She continued to keep her back toward Andrew, and he, now beginning to get tired of the game, had about concluded that she must be frightfully ugly.

"Sit down here, dear, beside me," and Mrs. Harmon easily contrived to place the girl just opposite the small room; and the young man, approaching his eye to the crack, was struck by the pretty face he beheld.

"Well, Rosamond, what are you doing nowadays? Are you going out much?"

"No, very little. I had a card for Mrs. Laton's tea this afternoon, but I wrote her I was ill. You will not betray me, will you?" and she laughed a merry laugh, that set Andrew's heart to vibrating.

"Do you not care for such affairs?" asked Mrs. Harmon.

"Surely, Mrs. Harmon, you do not think it would be amusing to spend an hour or two watching Mrs. Laton's flirtations, with no one to talk to but the insipid woman and stupid men of her set?"

"You are severe, my child."

"Severe? Well, with a woman like Mrs. Laton I do not think one can be too much so."

Instinctively Mrs. Harmon raised her eyes to the door that concealed Andrew, and, under pretext of arranging the portiere, she crossed the room, and, as she rearranged the drapery, whispered to her nephew: "It's nearly five—you'll be late for your tea."

But her warning was unheeded; Andrew did not budge. As for the girl by the fire, she was still full of her idea.

"Do you know Mrs. Laton, Mrs. Harmon?" she asked.

"Yes, yes," the old lady hastened to reply; and to turn the conversation she went on: "But you are wrong to declare that all men are stupid. There are some who are quite sensible."

"So I'm told. Well, I don't know them. I do not mean that they are all stupid, but they think themselves so superior that they are wearisome. They are vain, insufferable bores, with their blase airs and their idea that they are irresistible because they can flirt with Mrs. Laton, who has bleached hair, smears paint on her face as if it were a palette, and whose brains are good for nothing but to devise outrageous gowns."

Again Mrs. Harmon cast an uneasy glance toward the little room, in which Andrew was fast waxing angry. He would have liked to strangle this girl, whose superb health and triumphant beauty irritated him.

"And when will you get married, my dear?" suggested Mrs. Harmon, again throwing herself into the breach.

"I shall never marry."

"Indeed? Why not?"

"Why not?" repeated Rosamond a shadow of melancholy coming over the face that Andrew admired in spite of himself. "Because I am a little fool who cannot do as the rest do. I would wish to love my husband and to have him love me. I would wish to marry a man whom I should single out from among the rest for his goodness and intelligence. I would wish to have confidence in him, and above all be proud of him."

As the girl spoke she had become animated with a gentle exaltation, which was not without its effect on the young man behind the door.

"Well, Rosamond," said Mrs. Harmon, "why do you not realize your dream?"

"Because there are no young men nowadays who care to look for a girl who pleases them. Marriage for them is a matter of business, nothing more, and the woman herself does not count. They marry when they have lost their money, and the little heart they possessed has been frittered away on some Mrs. Laton or another."

Again Mrs. Harmon arose, and, pretending she had an order to give, excused herself and hastened to her nephew.

"Well, aunt, she has given us a nice dressing down, eh? For a 'charming girl,' I would back her against the world."

"Hurry, Andrew; it is late, and you have almost missed your tea."

"My tea!" he repeated. "Bother my tea! Is there nothing else in the world but my tea? Now, you must find an excuse to bring me into the room, and I'll show that young shrew whether all men are fools. Oh, she need have no fear, I shall not try to marry her, for I still have all my hair, a little money, and a heart still intact."

Mrs. Harmon could not refrain a smile at the young man's vexation, and five minutes later Andrew entered the drawing-room.

But, contrary to expectations, the conversation did not become a war of words; on the contrary, the girl's fresh gayety disarmed Andrew's anger at once. His preconception fled before her dimpled smiles and her gentle voice, and he soon fell under her charm, forgetting his anger in his admiration for her graceful movements, the penetrating timber of her voice, the sparkle of her wit.

The hour for the tea had long passed, and Andrew was still there. He had lost all desire to run after Mrs. Laton, that faded doll whom Rosamond—as he was forced to admit to himself—had portrayed so truthfully.

And ensconced once more in the depths of her arm chair, Mrs. Harmon smiled a kindly smile, and silently regarded the young people, who, for their part, looked at one another with looks that do not deceive, and in which the old aunt read with joy the hope of a happy union.—San Francisco Examiner.

**Plaint of the Downtrodden.**

"Things ain't right in this world," said Perry Patettic, bitterly.

"What's eatin' you now?" asked Wayworn Watson.

"I was thinkin' of money. A mug don't amount to nothin' without it; and when he don't amount to nothin' he can't git it. No show for a pore man at all."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**The Start.**

First Burglar—What led you to the profesh?

Second Burglar—Tryin' ter get pennies outter me toy bank w'en I wuz er kid.—Washington Times.

—A miscreant was originally a person who differed in religious belief from yourself. The name was first applied to the Saracens.

## COUNTING OF THE VOTES.

**In Recent Elections There Has Been Little Fraud in New York.**

The counting of votes has been in the past more fruitful of trickery and falsification than any other part of the election process. In 1893 the canvassers in certain districts reduced the matter to its lowest terms by simply reporting a unanimous vote on their side, and then going out to fling up their hats for the rest of the night. In the subsequent election competent and incorruptible men supervised the canvass so strictly that the percentage of fraud was so small, if any existed, as never to be heard of. This watching, says a writer in Century, at the count not only prevented intentional lying, but saved accidental mistakes. In one case the board of inspectors confessed they did not know how to count the votes, and submitted entirely to the guidance of a well-informed watcher.

The counting is done in public, and is often an interesting sight. Every organization and each candidate may send a representative to observe it, though nobody but the inspectors is permitted to touch the ballots. The straight tickets are first counted in tens by four men in succession, and a tally is kept by at least two assistants. Each name is credited with as many votes as there are tickets for his side. Then one inspector reads off of those tickets which are "split," or have pasters attached, or upon which names have been erased or new names written, and each candidate is credited with a vote every time his name appears. When this is finished the most prominent office is taken up, and the sum of the votes for each candidate is ascertained.

## HE VOWED VENGEANCE.

**And Got It with a Will—Lord Reginald's Path.**

"He struc-c-c-k me!"

The villain strode up and down the stage cycle path and ground his teeth with rage, says the New York World.

"He struc-c-c-c-k Cecil Legree!"

In a very ecstasy of fury the villain stamped his feet and tore his hair.

"He struck Cecil Legree! No man ever did that and lived to tell the tale. And as for the girl—ah, me proud beauty, you shall yet feel the vengeance of a Legree!"

What venom, what hatred there was in the bitter words.

Even the pale moon wobbled in the canvas heavens.

"I have the papers; ha, ha, ha! I'll bide me time, and then, then I'll cross his path again!"

Raising his clenched hand the villain served notice upon high heaven and the property moon that some day he would puncture proud Lord Reginald's tire.

"I'll cross his path again! I'll cross his path again!" he repeated.

A whirr on the air of the stilly night, an ominous grinding upon the theatrical macadam, a pneumatic "biff" like the "biff" of a pile-driver, a bent, battered shape crashing into a pale-green tree trunk with a dull, sickening thud and then silence—silence!

It was even so.

He had crossed Lord Reginald's cycle path again!

## A POLITICIAN TESTED.

**A Congressman Who Could Not Play Checkers to Suit Constituents.**

"One of the ablest men in congress will lose a number of votes in his district in Georgia," said a department clerk to a Washington Star reporter.

A friend of mine wrote me some time ago that the judge was safe so far as his reelection was concerned, but my friend visited one of the back counties a few days ago and found that a decided change in sentiment had come about. He asked one of the political leaders:

"'What is the matter with the judge?'

"'He ain't no good.'

"'Why, what did he ever vote for that you are not in favor of?'

"'I dunno.'

"'Did he vote against anything you wanted passed?'

"'Not as I know on.'

"'The newspapers all speak well of him.'

"'Newspapers is allus lyin'.'

"'What is the matter?'

"'Waal, he comed out here, an' Tom Wilkins beat 'im playin' checkers. Tom kain't play a little bit, an' what kin' o' a figger kin a man cut in congress who kain't play checkers better'n thet?'"

**Strategy Well Employed.**

The wise men of the east understand the value of strategy and know when to use it. A rich merchant died. He had one son, who when quite a lad had been sent to an uncle in India. When on his way home the young fellow was shipwrecked. It was believed that he escaped drowning, though no tidings of him could be obtained. His father died, leaving his fortune to the care of an old friend, not to be handed over to any claimant until certain injunctions had been fulfilled. At the end of a year a young man appeared, who declared himself the heir; then a second and a third arrived on the scene. The guardian gave to each a bow and arrow and desired them to use the dead man's picture as a target to aim at the heart. The first nearly hit the mark, the second drove his arrow home, but the third burst into tears and refused to dishonor his father's memory by desecrating the portrait of one whom he had loved and revered. Then the guardian knew which of the three was entitled to the fortune.

**How Manufacturers Test Bicycles.**

Unless one has visited a great bicycle factory it is not easy to appreciate the many delicate operations that the parts of a bicycle are subjected to, the many tests that must be passed, and the hundreds of careful inspections that the many parts must pass before they are considered worthy or good enough to be assembled into a bicycle of standard worth. Visitors to a big manufactory are surprised at the extent of the plant, the perfect appointments, and air of discipline that prevails throughout. It does not take the most inexperienced long to see why it costs so much to build a good bicycle. The most exacting care is required; the very best materials are necessary in every part; skilled labor of the highest order is essential to obtain the desired results, and if any part gets through the inspection-room and is afterwards found imperfect, it is nothing short of marvelous.

# Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, CAMBRIA CO., PA.,

FRIDAY, - - - - DECEMBER 25, 1896.


WITH the completion of the Siberian railway now building, a journey around the world can be made in a little less than forty days.

THE mystery surrounding the recent wholesale poisoning of 60 people at a silver wedding anniversary party in Blair county, has finally been cleared up. The chemical analysis of the food develops the fact that the dressing for the chicken salad was prepared in a copper kettle, and to the negligence of the cook is due the sad result of the festivities

W. E SPRAGUE brought suit against the directors of Otto township, McKean, county Pa., to compel the directors to admit his children to the schools of this district after they have been expelled for non-compliance with the compulsory vaccination law. Sprague's petition alleged that the act was unconstitutional. Judge Morrison's decision denied the claims of the petitioner and upheld the law.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, on Wednesday afternoon, in a significant speech, formally recognized the new greater republic of Central America, composed of Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras, by receiving in the east room of the executive mansion at Washington, the envoy of the diet of the new government, J. D. Rodriguez, who was accompanied by his secretary of legation, Luis F. Cerea, and his attache, J. D. Rodriguez, jr. Secretary Olney presented the Central Americans, who were attired in full evening dress.

THE two new furnaces of the Carnegie steel Company hold the record of the world's production of pig iron. The enormous production of 600 tons daily has been cast at each furnace during the last three weeks. The average output for 24 hours at the Braddock blast furnaces, which previously held the record, is said to be about 260 tons of iron. The two furnces are making all the iron needed to operate at the Duquesne steel works, which until several months since obtained all their raw iron from the Carnegie company's furnaces at Braddock.

THE new United States cruiser Brooklyn, which has been lying at League Island navy yard since going into commission three weeks ago, will start on her first official cruise next Saturday. She will steam first to the naval station at Newport, R. I. After her torpedoes have been taken on board the cruiser will proceed to Brooklyn, where the citizens of that municipality will formally present to the ship a handsome silver service. After this ceremony and the attendant festivities have been concluded the ship will go to Hampton Roads and join the Atlantic squadron.

Two armored locomotives built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the Spanish military corps in Cuba furnish the current issue of Cassier's Magazine with the text for an article on "War Locomotives." Such armored railroad engines have been in war service for twenty years, if not longer; and England in one of her early Egyptian campaigns found them effective instruments for offensive as well as defensive operations in the enemy's country. The modern war locomotive is an iron and steel successor to the original type simply bulwarked with sandbags. The two engines se it from Cuba have cabs of heavy steel plate, capable of resisting rifle balls, and the windows and doors arefitted with steel shutters, having loopholes through which the guards can operate rifles or the machine gun which is to be mounted in the cab.

SENATOR CAMERON on Monday presented in the senate the report of the committee on foreign relations favorable to the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congess assembled, That the independence of the republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledded by the United States of America; be it further resolved

Resolved, That the United States will use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and the republic of Cuba."

The resolution was accompanied by an extended report citing a number of historic instances where intervention has occurred. Action on the resolution has been deferred until after the holidays.

THE business revival that was to follow so quickly after the election has not yet materialized. There has been a certain sense of relief from the strain and tension and uncertainty of the canvas, and that is all. As soon as it was known that McKinley was elected the gold standard newspapers—especially those which were formerly Democratic—desirously proclaimod that a great business boom had burst upon the land. Their columns were full of accounts of furnaces being relighted mills being started, shops opened, forces of hands increased, new industries started, bank deposits increased gold imported and wheat raising in price. Some of this, of course, was to be expected. After the suspense of a long and heated political campaign it is but natural for business to revive. After every presidential campaign there is some revival, no matter which party is successful, but there was no good substantial reason why the bewildering boom, should follow McKinley's election, and there hasn't been any such boom. On the contrary there have been heavy failures and shutdowns, reductions of labor hours and of wages and men are going around the country hunting work and finding none, just the same as before the election.

THE problem of what to do with our convicts is one that is always causing more or less trouble. It is conceded that they should be employed in some useful occupation, but in whatever way we employ them opposition is sure to arise on the ground that they are competing with free labor, and thus diminishing its chances of reward. There is some force in the arguments that are urged in this behalf, though it hardly over comes the one to the effect that it is better that criminals should repay the expense of their maintenance by their labor, rather than they should be supported in idleness at the expense of the public. It is conceded, too, that the state owes it both to society and to the criminal that he should be employed, so as to inculcate, if possible, habits of industry and make him a useful member of society. Governor elect Tanner of Illinois, has been in favor of employing the criminals of the state in making and repairing of public roads. He believes that in this way the great demand for good roads may be met, in time at a minimum of expense, and that at the same time there will be no objectionable competition with free labor.

Those interested in criminology and in goods roads throughout the Union will be glad to see the experiment tried on such a scale as will be possible in Illinois. There has been experiments of this sort in some of the similar states, but they have not been sufficiently systematic or on a large enough scale to be valuable. If the state of Illinois, with her large number of cirminals, shall be able to devise a system whereby their labor can be employed safely, economically, and without interfering with proper discipline, in the construction of a system of good roads throughout the state then it will have killed two very valuable birds with one stone. It will have solved the road problem and also the vexed question of convict labor, and the other states of the Union will not be slow to follow its example.

AT the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Cincinnati last week a report, says the New York *Sun* was adopted in favor of making eight hours a day's work after May 1, 1897. The report also recommended that mass meetings of wage earners be held throughout the country on public holidays in in 1897.

The first of May is the favorite date set for the beginning of the eight-hour millennium, but under such conditions as now prevail, and are likely to prevail for a good while yet, the first of April might more appropriately be selected. Only in a few favored trades and occupations is the eight hour day feasible; and the labor organizations, of which the federation of labor is the most important, represent only a trifling proportion of the workingmen and working women of the country. As for the employers, they will pay eight hours' pay for eight hours' work, and they will pay no more; and until they can be made to pay more the eight-hour day will remain an illusion. Most people have to work more than eight hours a day, and it is hard to see how they are going to give up the practice. Will farmers' and laborers' wives, for instance, most domestic servants, farmers and barn laborers, sailors, great lawyers, and business men be expected to join in the demonstrations which the Federation of Labor is going to provide next year?

If ever the government comes to be everything and the individual citizen nothing, the little difficulties in the way of the eight-hour day may be removed; but by that time the world will perhaps have reached such a height of economic science as to be able to do away with work altogether.

COINCIDENT with the appearance of the "advance agent of prosperity" in Chicago, says the Pittsburg *Post*, there have been several large business failures it that city, the last one being that of the National Bank of Illinois, one of the leading banks of the city, with deposits of over $10,000,000, A clearing house committee officially declares that because of "unwarrantable and injudicious loans the capital and surplus of the bank is seriously impaired, if not lost." The customary assurance is given that depositors will be paid in full. The clearing house statement was given out on Sunday, the same day that Major McKinley left Chicago for home. We do not, of course, connect him with the failure, or hold him in any way responsible; but it is well enough to recall the fact that from August to November the country was overwhelmed with pledges that with the election of the "advance agent" financial, business and industrial prosperity would envelop the land. And in the little spurt after election columns were devoted to showing what a blessing the election result had been. We are just as moch in the trough of the sea, only a little deeper, than we were when Cleveland was issuing bonds to maintain the gold standard.

JUDGE EWING, of Pittsburg from the bench has made a very clear statement as to the senatorial situation. In naturalizing applicants for citizenship one of the foreigners in answer to a question said: "I don't know how a United States senator is chosen." To this Judge Ewing promptly responded; "Well I don't blame you very much. I think we are all a little mixed in this question. We used to think the representatives of the people had something to say in the matter, but just now in Pennsylvania one would think the United States senators are nominated and elected by one man."

What Senator Quay wants, what Senator Quay will favor, whom Senator Quay will oppose, these constitute the text of every Quay organ and Quay follower in the state. Is Quay for this candidate, is he against the other? No one seems to inquire what preference, if any, the people may have.

## Washington Letter.

Washington, December 18th, 1896. Senator Vest has lost none of his old-time power of expression nor any of his confidence in the principles for which he has been fighting so long. He made his plain in a short speech he delivered this week. Although he based his remarks upon the Dingley bill he prefaced them by saying that he knew it was a dead issue and that he only did so because many well-meaning people were urging congress to act upon it. Later, the death of the Dingley bill was announced by Sherman. Apropos of the late campaign, Mr. Vest said: "While I may be subjected to the charge of being a lunatic, an anarchist and a repudiator, I assert that the only relief for the people is to give them more money.

If we are lunatics and anarchists because we ask for the opening of the mints to the free coinage of silver, then over six million American freemen who voted for Wm. J. Bryan are lunatics, and may God help the republic! But it is a vile slander. The men who supported the great leader, Wm J. Bryan, are as loyal and as intelligent a body of men as any in this country. The gold standard which is the root of this evil is the vilest monopoly ever conceived in the mind of mortal man."

The whole Cuban business was virtually postponed until January when the senate adopted Senator Morgan's resolution asking the president to furnish all the information about the present situation in Cuba he has, as President Cleveland is hunting on the coast of South Carolina and congress had already adopted a resolution providing for a recess from December 22 to January 5. The speeches made on the subject in the house and senate have been about as effective as the excited meetings held throughout the country.

The executive committee of the Bimetallic Union has been here for several days, preparing to continue the educational work for silver. All the prominent silver men in congress have been conferring with members of the committee at different times, but there has been no single meeting of all the silver men yet

Although Senator Allen's resolution for the appointment of a senate committee to investigate the alleged wholesale use of money in the late national campaign was offered without consultation with Democrats, its spirit meets their approbation Demoorats have ever since the remarkable results of the election in a number of states were announced been anxious to investigate the why and wherefore of the abnormal increase in the total vote cast Senator Allen had read in connection with his resolution a list of states in which Bryan's vote largely exceeded the winning vote of 1892 and yet he was defeated by heavy majorities. Senator Gorman says he is certain that the total alleged vote of Maryland was at least 20,000 in excess of the adult male population on the first of last January, and he would like nothing better than to find out where the excess came from. According to some of the best parliamentarians, Mr. Allens resolution will have to be changed a little in order to be effective For instance, Senator Morgan said; "If Senator Allen makes his resolution joint, and it should pass the senate and house, here would be no doubt of the authority of congress to probe the matter to its furthest depth. The senate alone, as I view it, cannot inquire into an election as a president."

It is not probable that Secretary Francis, whose nomination has not yet been acted upon by the senate, will be among those which will be left pigeon-holed when the Fifty-fourte congress expires at noon on the 3rd of next March, although it is altogether out of the usual for action to be deferred on a cabinet nomination. It is a good 16 to 1 bet that the nomination of a considerable number of gold Democrats will be killed by non-action.

Representative McMillin, the ranking Democratic member of the house ways and means committee, says of the reckless haste of the Republicans in getting a tariff bill ready for the extra session of congress: "The Republicans are determined to return to the old principle of high protection. They are not satisfied either with the present law or with the Dingley bill. They propose to again try to increase wealth by increasing taxes. Such legislation is not needed in the least. There are now in the treasury $230,000,000, or $130,000,000 in excess of the $100,000,000 gold reserve. There is no way to get this back into circulation, except by buying bonds or paying it out for current expenses. There is no excuse for holding a sum in excess of the reserve, and if revenues are increased before it is absorbed by government expenses that will be the result With economy in expenditures Mr. McKinley's administration would be more than half out before this $130,000,000 would be exhausted, even if the present rate of deficiency continued, which is not probable. The surplus in the treasury in excess of the reserve amounts to $9 for every family in The U. S. This put back into circulation would tend to quicken business and ought not to be held out of circulation. permanently." M.

## Burglars Loot a Postoffice.

Cranford. N, J.. December 21 —Two men drove into Cranford early Saturday morning. They left their buggy standing in a side street and, stealing to the rear of the Opera House block; they pried open a window and gained admission to the postoffice, where they blew open the safe and obtained more than $2,000 worth of postage stamps, a sum of money, the amount of which is unknown, a registered letter, believed to have contained valuable contents and a watch belonging to Postmaster John L. Derby. They left no clew.

## A Unfortunate Bondsman.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., December 22 — Some months ago B F. Cutler, of Pittston, who deserted his wife, was sentenced to pay he $20 a month. W. L. Dougall, also of Pittston, became Cutler's bondsman, furnishing $1,000 bail for the faithful performance of the sentence. After paying for three months Cutler refused to give his wife any more money, and McDougall has been compelled to pay her $20 a month for three months. He had Cutler brought into court Saturday, but Judge Rennett said the court was powerless to relieve him of the responsibility and he would have to continue the payments.

## Child in a Bear's Den.

Jersey Shore Junction, Pa., Dec. 23. —Lizzie Elsie Yarrow wandered away from her home near Germania, in the Black forest, Monday morning, and all trace of her was lost. A heavy snow had fallen, and a searching party organized by the father set out yesterday morning to search the forest. The tracks of the child's feet were followed into a bear's den.

The Elsie was found lying unconscious. The bear came out of the hole and was killed. Marvelous to state, the child had not been injured by the bear, and will recover.


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## Convicts Fire a Prison.

Jefferson City. Mo., December 20,—Fire was discovered in the clothing department of the state penitentiary at about 11:45 o'clock last night, and before it was got under control caused a loss to the state of about $2 000 and to the Star Clothing Company, which is also situated in the same building as the state department of about $1.000

The source of the fire had been traced to a gang of thirty-three convicts, some of whom fired a bundle of refuse under a stairway in the clothing department early in the night. The fire smouldered until nearly midnight, when it burst into a blaze. The incendiary act was no doubt done in a hope to escape in the excitement, but Warden Pace and the guards at no time lost control of the prisoners.

The clothing department is located in Cell building No 1, and while the guards were transferring the convicts from this building into Cell building No 3 two conviots attempted to escape, but both were captured before they got away from the building. Great bravrey was shown by the convicts who were released from their cells to help extinguish the fire.

## Six Men Hurt in a Stabbing Affray.

Ashland, Pa., December 20 —At 1: o'clock last night Centre street was the scene of a stabbing affray which resulted in the injury of the six participants, two of whom are lying in a precarious condition at the Miners hospital The fight was the outcome of a difference of opinion between Patrick Gouldin and Robert McCormick and ex constable William Evans and Anthony Cummings tried to get McCormick away. At the same time John and Michael Gouldin attacked Evans and Cummings

This was the signal for a free fight and knives were drawn. When the fight was over the three Gouldins were lying in the road. John and Michael fared the worse and their condition is such that they may not recover.

Patrick Gouldin had his hand badly lacerated. McCormick was stabbed in the back. Evans and Cummings escaped with a few cuts about the face and hands. The participants of the row have been arrested.

## A Monster Animal.

Cumberland, Md, Dec 20.—Some days ago it was reported that a strange and mysterious animal had made its appearance at Doe Gully tunnel, along the line of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Yesterday a man from that section stated that the queer animal really existed, and that one night last week it killed a flock of sheep belonging to a mountain farmer. A prominent railroad official, who was inspecting some work, saw the beast come out of the mountain and go to the river and drink A hunting party of seven of the best shots of that neighborhood went out in search of the animal Thursday, and, while they saw it, they say they could not get close enough to get a shot at the animal. Excitement is said to run high, and men go to and from their work in the fields armed. The beast has been named the catawanupus, and it is said to be a monster in size, and quite destructive to domestic animals

## Burned to Death.

Newport, R I., December 20 — About 10:30 last night Eliza Ann, Martha and Charlotte Wilbour, aged respectively 90, 83 and 86 years, were burned to death in their home on Spring street. After the firemen had extinguished the flames and removed the bodies from the house a servant girl was found asleep in the attic, but she was not seriously affected by the smoke.

The elder sister was an invalid and the younger one was apparently bathing her with alcohol, which was in some way ignited and set their clothing on fire. One of them rushed into another room where the third sister was abed and set the bed on fire. Passers by saw the smoke and gave the alarm. The doors were burst open, but when the firemen reached the bodies they were lifeless. The sisters were daughters of Norton Wilbur, who was years ago one of Newport's most prominent traders, and they were all that were left of the family.

## An Awful Mining Horror.

Rudapest, December 19.—An explosion of fire damp occurred to-day in a coal mine at Resicza, A large number of men were at work in the mine, and 40 of them were killed outright.

Rescuing parties entered the mine as soon as possible after the explosion and succeeded in taking out eighteen men, who were seriously injured.

It is known that 27 miners are still entombed, but whether they are alive or not is uncertain.

Efforts to reach the part of the mine in which they were working are being made, but the work of the rescuers is greatly hampered by the bad character of the wreckage and the great volume of after-damp.

## A Woman's Fearful Crime.

Chillicothe, O, December 18 —There is great excitement at Bethel, a small town three miles south of Kingston, this county, occasioned by a horrible atrocity which occurred there yesterday afternoon. Two married women, named Moon and Shell, quarreled and the Shell woman threw a bucket of strong lye water into the face of Mrs. Moon and her infant daughter. Both have their eyes burned out and their heads and faces also terribly burned. The baby died in a short time and the mother is in terrible agony, her death being looked for every moment. Mrs. Shell made her escape, but is being pursued, and if captured a lynching is probable.

## A Welcome Usher of '97.

The beginning of the new year will have a welcome usher in the shape of a fresh Almanac, descriptive of the origin, nature and uses of the national tonic and alternative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Combined with the descriptive matter will be found calendar and astronomical calculations absolutely reliable for correctness, statistics, illustrations, verses carefully selected, and other mental food highly profitable and entertaining. On this pamphlet, published and printed annually by The Hostetter Company, of Pittsburg, 60 hands are employed in the mechanical department alone. Eleven months are devoted to its preparation. It is procurable free, of druggists and country dealers everywhere, and is printed in English, German, French, Spanish, Welsh, Norwegian, Holland, Swedish and Bohemian.

Six cows, among a herd of ten on a farm near Altoona, have been found to have tuberculosis. They were quarantined and will be shot.

## A PENROSE MEETING.

### His Friends Turn Out Enmasse In Philadelphia.

### SENATOR QUAY NOT PRESENT.

**Joseph Wharton Presided Over the Meeting—He and Others Made Speeches. The Wanamaker People Have Opened Elaborate Headquarters at Harrisburg.**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Despite a driving snowstorm and the many affairs that engross the attention of citizens in Christmas week, the candidacy of Boies Penrose was given a handsome endorsement last night at a meeting in the Academy of Music, which was filled to its utmost capacity. The streets in the vicinity of the hall were alive with Penrose paraders, including a large number of old soldiers from all sections of the city, and in the line was a company of firemen from Pottsville.

Senator Quay is in the city, but did not attend the meeting.

In the lengthy list of vice presidents were many of the leading professional and business men of the city, and a committee of 50 representative citizens was appointed to work for the election of the choice of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Charlemane Tower, Jr., secretary, and Joseph Wharton, the president of the Bethlehem Iron works, and the largest individual stockholder in that concern, as well as the Cambria Iron company, and who founded the school of finance of the University of Pennsylvania, bearing his name, was elected chairman of the meeting.

Chairman Wharton's address was followed by speeches by Congressman Eingham, General James W Latta and Senator Penrose.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 23.—The Philadelphia branch of the Business Men's League has not yet given up the fight against Senator Penrose for United States senator Rudolph Blankenburg, chairman of the executive committee, has been in Harrisburg to arrange for an active campaign.

He secured an entire building, opposite the postoffice, which will be used as headquarters.

## Bank Failure In St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 23.—Judge Otis of the Ramsey county district court has agreed to appoint Frank Seymour, cashier of the Merchants' National bank, and an attorney not yet decided on, to be receivers of the Bank of Minnesota, which has closed its doors. The state bank examiner says he does not consider the failure a bad one, but expects that the bank will resume business before long. A branch at the stock yards also closed.

## Funeral of Roswell G. Horr.

WELLINGTON, O., Dec. 23.—The funeral of ex-Congrrssman Roswell G. Horr was held at the First Congregational church here and was attended by a large number of the old friends of the deceased. Touching remarks made by Rev. A. E. Wall, the pastor and others.

## B. & O. Officials Changed.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—J. M. Graham, superintendent of the Ohio division of the B. & O., has been appointed to succeed J. Van Smith, as general superintendent of the Trans Ohio division. Trainmaster J. H. Clover will succeed Mr. Graham.

## Morton Opposes the Fight.

ALBANY, Dec. 23.—Governor Morton has sent to the sheriff of Queens county a proclamation calling upon him to see that the law is not violated by those engaged in the Lavigne-McKee proposed fight in Long Island City tonight.

## Sullivan Sued For a Bill.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, sat in the poor debtors session of the municipal court Tuesday to explain why he had failed to settle a florists bill. The case will be further heard Jan. 11.

## Government's Exhibit at Nashville.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president has signed the act providing for government partipation in the centennial exposition at Nashville and making an appropriation for a government building and exhibit.

## Soldiers Poisoned by Cheese.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Twenty-five members of Captain Parker's detachment of cavalry have been poisoned from eating canned head cheese. Four of them are reported in a critical condition.

## An Aristocratic Counterfeiter.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 23.—J. C. Miller, who has been convicted of counterfeiting at New Orleans, was president of the First National bank of Blackwell, O. T.

## Mrs. Harrison's Watch Returned.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.— Several weeks ago General Harrison's house was robbed of a gold watch belonging to his wife. He offered a reward for its recovery and he has received a package from Chicago containing the watch.

## Charged With Shortage of $4,000.

BUFFALO, Dec. 23.—George M. Mattison, 26 years of age, representative in this state for the Birge Manufacturing company of Canton, O., has been arrested charged with being a defaulter to the amount of $4,000.

## A Preacher Arrested.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Rev. David Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Second Universalist church, this city, has been arrested on the charge of attempting without authority to exercise the functions of a police officer.

## Confessed to a Killing.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 23.—At the trial at Cloud Chief, Fred Horn, a 16-year-old desperado, confessed to the killing of Frank Tripp, for whose murder John McLean, Tom Berry and K. H. Coulter, all boys, were arrested.

## Allison Offered No Cabinet Place.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 23.—Senator Allison denies that he is to enter the cabinet of Major McKinley as secretary of state. "I have not been offered that or any other position by Mr. McKinley," said he.

## Riddled With Bullets.

MANCHAC, La., Dec. 23.—Jerry Burke, the colored boy who hacked Mrs. John Fos and her mother, Mrs. Cavanaugh, with an ax at their home in Clio, has been riddled with bullets.

## Armed Against Indignant Negroes.

HAYFIELD, Ky., Dec. 23.—The town is guarded by bodies of armed men against a threatened attack by negroes to avenge Jim Stone's lynching.

—Murderer James Brogan, who stabbed Thomas McDonald to death in a box car last year, has become insane in the Northmberland county jail.


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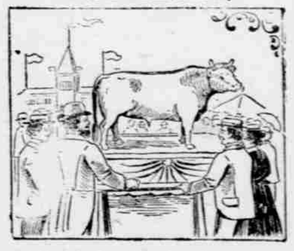

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...s O'Hara of Cresson town-...town on Monday.

...all our readers a Merry ...a Happy New Year.

...county has paid out over ...damages the last year.

...eight inches of snow fell on ...and Wednesday morning.

...ary school in Cambria town-...on account of typhoid fever.

...ania Snyder, of Carroll town-...visitor to this place on Mon-

...Freihoff, of Munster town-...visitor to Ebensburg on Tues-

...s Foley, of the Carrolltown ...a few hours in Ebensburg on

...e O'Neill, of Pittsburg, who ...ast few weeks in Ebens-...home on Saturday.

...unty's Forty-fifth Annual ...is in session this week ...ors answering to the roll

...efficient for sleighing fell on ...on that evening the jingle of ...heard for the first time this

...first time in many years the ...the last term of the Bedford ...was discharged one day ahead ...ard.

...Lowe, a native of Ebens-...the past fifteen years a resi-...Kansas, is seriously ill at his ...place.

...Evans, a former resident of ...sburg, but for the past year ...Pittsburg, was visiting friends ...this week.

...ame for a horse" was the ...cry of Richard III, king of ...Your readers must recollect ...that never seen the poor

...Welsh, a director of the ...railroad and president of the ...company, died at his home ...on Saturday, December ...date.

...day's election the working ...for a "re-adjustment" of ...formerly called a "reduction ...adjustment sounds better ...same answer.

...from Washington on Tues-...the First National bank of ...which closed its doors re-...ability be permitted to re-...by Comptroller Eckles.

...past week Mr. W. W. Ams-...on the Cresson & Coalport, ...closed the deal and paid the ...on the coal right of about ...land in Cresson, Allegheny ...consideration.

...Thompson, of Curwens-...a rattlesnake. It was cap-...and is now three feet ...from over the floor and will ...to feed it and stroke it ...the same as they do a kitten.

...an employe of the Cam-...Works at Johnstown, while ...a pile of frozen ore ...on Monday night, got under ...falling material and was in-...He leaves a wife and ...

...was shot in the ...while on his way ...to his home in Gallitzin ...discharged from the Al-...on Sunday. The bullet was ...Mr. Ramer recovered re-...

...Sandifer, a hotel keeper ...residing at Somerset, Pa., ...penitentiary in the Somer-...Sheriff during the ...in which he was plaintiff ...trial jury on about the case, ...

...Moore, aged about thirty ...the name of his mother, Mrs ...Twelfth ward, Johnstown, ...Moore was a son of Michael ...hanged in Ebensburg on ...December, 1872, for the murder ...wife at Mineral Point on ...February, 1872.

...has been issued for the ar-...Stoner, a cigar maker, of ...charged violation of the ...laws. Stoner raffled a ...case of the ticket holders ...unfairly treated, made ...charges he will make a ...against all who took ...

...Peterson, of Reade township, ...fatally injured at the Al-...on Tuesday, as result of a ...fall. He was blasting about five ...several charges were amputa-...in the hope of saving ...the wound refused to heal ...it necessary to amputate ...

...Grady, of Tyrone, a Pennsyl-...track hand was almost in-...last Wednesday while at ...that place. The unfortunate ...from one track to another ...freight train and in do-...of a passenger train, ...which struck and mangled ...manner.

...Kinney, aged 4 years, a daugh-...Kinney, at Westmoreland ...Cambria county, met with a ...on Tuesday. Her clothes ...in the absence from ...the other members of the ...there found the little one's ...almost burned from her body. ...a little while after in great ...

...fire was sounded on the ...Wednesday night about half ...and the firemen and peo-...parts of the town hurriedly ...the call. Their services were ...however, as the alarm was ...burning chimney in the resi-...R. E. Jones, which after ...extinguished without doing any ...

...Park Record says: The ...mining districts have been stead-...during their output for the past ...It will be some time before ...their old time figures of the ...are seen. The mountain dis-...shipped in the last month at ...about a thousand tons a week. ...the change in the shipments ...States being about the same ...

...Walter, of Hollidaysburg, de-...information concerning his son John, ...home on April 26, 1896, and ...been heard from since that ...boy is 19 years old, 5 feet 5 ...weight, has black hair, blue eyes, ...complexion, is lame in the right leg ...a running sore on same leg. He ...a change in his speech. Ten dol-...reward will be paid for information of ...abouts.

—Messrs. A. J. Leib and Fred. Lambour, of Nicktown, spent several days in town last week attending court.

—An exchange says parties wishing their letters to go in a hurry should always write "in haste" on the lower left hand corner of the envelope. When the magic words appear on the envelope connected with the postal service jumps around lively. The cart driver whips his horses into a trot, the postmaster dances a jig and the route agent rushes forward and tells the engineer to pull the throttle wide open and let her go.

—St. John's new Catholic church at Johnstown, which is said to be one of the most handsome churches in the Pittsburg diocese, was dedicated on Sunday with imposing ceremonies. Rt. Rev. Bishop McGovern, of Harrisburg, Rt. Rev. Bishop Phelan, of Pittsburg, Rt. Rev. Bishop Mullen, of Erie, Arch Abbot Schneer, of Latrobe, and a number of other clergymen were present. The church costs in the neighborhood of $75,000.

—The Pittsburg *Dispatch* of Thursday morning prints the following from its Harrisburg correspondent: Representative Reese, of Johnstown, and Senator-elect J. C. Stineman, of South Fork, were also here. Stineman was chosen senator after signing an agreement to vote for Wanamaker. In all other matters he will be on the reform side. Reese is looking wise and talking in enigmas about the senatorship, but he will vote for Penrose.

—John A. Nash, for almost half a century a prominent figure in journalism in the Juniata Valley, died at his home in Huntingdon on Monday, after an illnes of some length, aged seventy years. He had been connected with the same paper—now the Huntingdon *Journal*—since 1855, until last July, when he disposed of it on account of declining health. He was treasurer of the county in 1880 and postmaster of Huntingdon from 1890 to 1894.

—John Smith died at the Memorial hospital in Johnstown, on Monday evening, of injuries received on the Pennsylvania railroad, near the South Fork station, on Saturday evening, October 24th. Smith, on the evening mentioned, attempted to get on a moving train when he was thrown under the wheels and his left arm horribly crushed and his head and body cut and bruised. He was taken to the hospital where his arm was amputated the next day above the elbow. He was 30 years of age and single.

—State Zoologist Warren has mailed a circular containing a series of questions to all the leading sportsmen in Pennsylvania asking them for certain information relating to game and fish. The information obtained through this circular, with other data bearing on the subject of game and its protection, will be placed at the disposal of the state board of game commissioners and published in a report to be issued early in the new year. The board will meet in Harrisburg next week to draft a series of bills for the protection of game and fish to be presented to the legislature.

—The law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in Pennsylvania has been vigorously enforced and the sale of imitation butter greatly reduced, says Major Levi Wells, state dairy commissioner, in his annual report to Governor Hastings. In the eastern part of the state, however, many of the dealers, who formerly did business openly, have set up establishments across the line in New Jersey, and clandestinely shipped goods to private families, cheap restaurants and boarding house keepers in Pennsylvania. As private parties buying for their own use are not amenable to the law when they go outside the state to purchase the commissioner has not action against the seller.

—There is considerable trouble brewing in Hollidaysburg concerning the suspended banks and their depositors. A meeting of sixty-nine depositors of the Gardner, Morrow & Co. bank was held last evening, and among other business the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the chairman appoint a committee of three to wait upon Colonel William Jack, A. S. Morrow, and John Cree, assignees of Gardner Morrow & Co., and demand of these parties in the name of the depositors of Gardner, Morrow & Co.'s bank a public account between the First National bank and the bank of Gardner, Morrow & Co., and further, that the First National bank return to Gardner, Morrow & Co.'s bank all securities and funds due the latter institution. The chair to be chairman of the committee."

### Obituary.

Mr. Joseph Sharp, an old and respected citizen of Munster township, died at his home on Friday, December 11, 1896, in the 86th year of he rage.

Mr. Sharp was born in Germany in 1810 and came to this country in 1826 and settled in Richmond, Va., where he remained for about two years. He afterward removed to Chicago and from there to Dayton, O., where he remained only a short time and returned to Germany about 1840, where he married Margaret Mary Deney, returning to this country he took up his residence in Cumberland, Md. Mr. Sharp afterwards lived in Hollidaysburg and from there removed to a farm in Allegheny township, where he has since resided.

Mr. Sharp is survived by his aged wife, one son, John, who lives at home, and one daughter, Mrs. Jerome Flick, of Allegheny township. After the celebration of a Requiem High mass by Rev. Father Kittell, of Loretto, his remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery, in that place, on Monday. May he rest in peace.

### Railroad Construction.

The annual statement of construction to be published by the Railway *Age* this week will show that during 1896 only 1,802 miles of railway lines were built in the United States. This is one mile less than the total reported for 1895 and the smallest mileage built in any one year since 1875. The number of lines on which this track was laid is 163, which is eleven less than the number of new lines added in the previous year. Track was laid in 38 of the 49 States and Territories. The longest mileage was built in California, 187 miles on eight lines. No track was added in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho or New Mexico. The Railway Age states that many railway enterprises were under way early in the year which would have added hundreds of miles of track, but were stopped by the financial agitation preceeding the election. Fully 2,500 miles would have been built in 1896 but for the uncertainty developed from the political campaign.

### Bertha Fled as a Boy.

Bertha Roderman, a pretty 19-year-old miss, was arrested at McGhee's Lycoming county, on Friday, while enroute to Altoona from her home in Punxsutawney. She way dressed in boy's clothing, having appropriated a brand new suit belonging to a young man in the household where she was employed.

She also had in her possession $15 that she had taken from her mistress. She escaped from her bedroom window during the night, leaving all her own clothing behind. She had her hair cropped short and dressed in boy's clothing, made a decidedly natty appearance.

She left home to find a recreant lover who had deserted her, and was then at Altoona. The girl broke down when arrested and confessed that she was a girl instead of the fashionable young man that she looked.

### Death of Doctor Griffith.

Dr. Abner Griffith, one of Ebensburg's best known citizens, died at his winter home near Ocala, Florida, on Thursday night of last week, from consumption.

Dr. Griffith was a son of the late Thomas Griffith, Esq., for years an extensive lumberman who carried on a large business in Cambria and McKean counties. The doctor was born on his father's farm, near Ebensburg, on the 5th of August, 1855, and when a boy and young man took an active interest in his father's business, assisting him greatly in the management of his large business affairs. On attaining manhood he concluded to study medicine and adopted it as his profession. For this purpose he entered the office of the late Dr. Lemon, in Ebensburg, and after the usual course he graduated from the Pennsylvania University at Philadelphia, and soon after opened an office and began the practice of his profession at Kane, Pa He afterwards removed to Ebensburg and soon after was in the enjoyment of a large, lucrative practice, which, abont ten years ago, he was compelled to abandon on account of declining health. Since that time the doctor usually spent the winters in Florida, where he had a fruit farm and where the warmer climate seemed better acapted to his declining health.

On the 19th of June 1879, he was married in Ebensburg to Miss Elizabeth Evans, daughter of Mr. John Evans, of the East ward, who with two young daughters survive him. He is also survived by one brother, Mr. Webster Griffith, of Ebensburg, and one sister, Mrs. Annie Lyte, of Kane, Pa.

The death of Dr. Griffith will be felt by many people of Ebensburg outside of his immediate family. Being possessed of wealth, with liberal views and a kind and charitable disposition, his death is a loss to the whole community. His remains arrived in this place on Monday morning and on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the funeral left his late residence, and after services in the Congregational church, proceeded to Lloyd'scemetery where his body was laid to rest.

Dr. Griffith was a member of the Masonic order and his funeral was attended by the members of the Ebensburg lodge as also by a large number of members from other neighboring towns.

### Tours to Florida.

No district in America presents, during the winter season, so many various attractions as the state of Florida. Besides its delightful climate which to one escaping from the cold and unhealthful changes of the North seems almost ethereal, it is pre eminently a land of sport and pleasure. Along its eleven hundred miles of salt water coast and in its twelve hundred fresh water lakes are fish of almost every conceivable variety, from the migratory tribes common to Northern waters to the tarpon, pompano and others of a more tropical character. Nowhere in all our broad land can the angler find a greater variety of game or better sport.

Here also the most enthusiastic hunter finds satiety. Deer, turkeys, bears, panthers, and wild cats roam at large through the more sparsely settled regions, while birds of all kinds may be found in abundance throughout the state. The more novel sport of alligator and manatee hunting may also be indulged in by the more adventurous tourist.

With its matchless climate, its orange groves, its rivers and lakes, its boating and bathing, its fishing and hunting, and its extensive forests, Florida presents unrivled attractions for the valetudinarian, the lover of nature, the sportsman and the explorer.

To this attractive state the Pennsylvania Railroad company has arranged four personally-conducted tours during the season of 1897, leaving by special train January 26th, February 9th and 23d, and March 9th. The first three tours will admit of a sojourn of two weeks in this delightful land; tickets for the fourth tour will be valid to return until May 31st by regular trains.

Rates for the round trip, $50.00 from New York, $48.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information, apply to ticket agents, special booking offices, or address Geo. W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, Broad Street station, Philadelphia. 12 18 4t.

### Gagged and Robbed.

As Miss Sarah J. Sadler, a maiden lady who lives about two miles east of Delmont, Westmoreland county, was preparing to go to bed Saturday night, a rap on the door caused her to inquire who was there, on being given the name of a neighbor, she opened the door and two masked men, with drawn revolvers, pushed their way in, demanding her money.

Miss Sadler declared she had no money about the house, and one of the robbers asked, "What did you do with the money you were to give to Mr. Cook?" She replied, "I have paid Mr. Cook all the money I owed him." "We know better than that," said the spokesman, and then threateaed to commit a nameless outrage upon her if she refused to tell. At this point Charley Fry, a fourteen-year-old boy who stays with Miss Sadler, put in an appearance, and he was backed into a corner at the point of a revolver by one of the men, while the other gagged the woman and tied a small shawl around her throat so tight that she nearly choked to death. He then ransacked the house, but secured only $3.

While the search was being made, the mask fell from the face of the robber who was standing guard, and Miss Sadler and the boy recognized the man as Presley Klingensmith, son of Reuben Klingensmith, a neighbor. The men then threatened to kill them and burn the house if they made the matter public and took their departure. Miss Sadler and the boy were almost frightened to death, beside the former being badly injured in her scuffle with the bandits.

Klingensmith was arrested on Monday, after a desperate struggle with Constables Washabaugh and Sondels, and committed to the Greensburg jail by by 'Squire Eicher. He refused to give the name of his confederate, but a certain party is suspected and he will be arrested as soon as found, being now in hiding.

### Correspondence.

Gallitzin, Pa., December 22, 1896.

The desire that is born in some people to gain notoriety through the columns of a newspaper is shown in its most glaring character in the writings of the Loretto correspondent to the Cresson *Record*. Think of a man with a skull so shallow as not to be able to report the news from his town without lying on some one. Then to grossly aggravate the same by a fruitless effort to prove his falsehoods by the good citizens and little children of the town. Such a man should only be allowed to run at large when wearing a muzzle similar to that worn by the rabid canine. The above mentioned device should be furnished him by the good people of the town for their common protection. As for myself, should I hear any more of this skulker's mistaken wisdom, I shall feel it duty to see that he is at least provided with a safety valve that will control and regulate his actions for a time at least. Now it grieves me that the necessity has arisen for me to write the above lines, and I have only done so after having made an earnest but fruitless effort to have him correct through the columns of the Cresson *Record* his malicious mistakes.

F. J. D.

—Mr. Joseph Priser, of Barr township, was a visitor to Ebensburg on Wednesday.

### Reversed 2,066 Cases.

The report of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds for the present year shows the policy pursued in the administration of pension affairs. It states that the important changes were in the rulings and practic eand the following out of a general plan for securing equity, uniformity and justice in the determination of appeals. The assistant secretary says the liberal and generous spirit which prompted the enactment of the pension laws has been the guide of the department in their construction. Former adjudications have not been disturbed save where fraud, error in law, or mistake were apparent.

The number of pending appeals on the docket, April 15, 1893, when the assistant secretary took charge of this work, was 4,965. Since that date 17,755 new cases have been filed, making a total of 22,720 to be acted upon by the department. Of this last number, 22,191 have been disposed of, leaving 529 now pending, with the work of the office during the last year devoted to the consideration of current appeals, this condition existing for the first time in the last eight years.

The actiod of the bureau was reversed in 2,066 of the cases since April 10, 1895.

The amount of work has been unprecedented in the history of this branch of department business, showing that about 9,000 more cases were disposed of since April 15, 1893, than had been in any like period to that time.

"General satisfaction has followed the recommendation of last year for such legislation as would secure better protection to the pension fund due incompetents and others, followed by the law directing all quarterly payments to be made by check," says the assistant secretary.

"Gratifying results have followed the passage of the act of March 2, 1895, which secured an extension of the cases wherein payments of accrued pension could be made, as well as that of the act of March 6, 1896, relating to the commencement of pension under the act of June 27, 1890.

"The suggestion is again made as to the advisability of such legislation as will lodge in the federal courts the right of any one on behalf of the government to ask better protection to the pension fund of those laboring under legal disabilities. The following also are suggested: That justice demands the universal application of the common law rule in proof of marriage; state laws govern and lead to denial of title in cases which are equally meritorious; that the pensionable rights of minor children who claim under the act of June 27, 1890, should be defined with more certainty where the soldier dies leaving no widow surviving.

"The act of August 5, 1892, relates to pensionable title of those women who served as nurses during the war of the rebellion. Title is confined to those who served in regimental, post, camp, or general hospitals. The refusal of the war department to recognize those as properly employed who served in the first three classes mentioned tends to defeat their title and renders this portion of the act nugatory. Attention is invited to this in order that proper legislation may be enacted to relieve any deserving claimants of unjust and unintentional discrimination."

The secretary of the interior, in commenting upon the work of the assistant secretary, says in his report:

"The report of Assistant Secretary Reynolds gives evidence of the pains taking care with which that official has endeavored to be both liberal and just in passing upon the many troublesome questions of administrative policy in pension matters. Almost the entire time of the assistant secretary is required to attend to the affairs of this branch of the department."

### Real Estate Transfers.

Annie E. Shaffer et al. to Frank M. Shaffer, Johnstown; consideration, $1.

Annie Finnegan et vir to Frank M. Shaffer, Johnstown, $1.

Frank M. Shaffer et ux. ro Ada Musser et al., Johnstown, $1.

Henry Brown et ux. to Annie Walls, Portage township, $27.

Treasurer of Cambria county to W. I. Stineman, Conemaugh, $46.

John Ashcroft et ux. et al. to Edward O'Brien, Cresson township, $500.

Sheriff of Cambria county to Washington Building & Loan association, Patton, $50.

Ephraim Wissinger et ux. to Robert J. Wissinger, East Conemaugh, $450.

Treasurer of Cambria county to E. F. Spencer, Hastings, $5.

E. F. Spencer to Harvey Roland, Hastings, $155.

Treasurer of Cambria county to E. F. Spencer, Hastings, $7.

E. F. Spencer et ux. to Harvey Roland, Hastings, $157.

Joseph S. Yoder et ux. to David G. Kneper, Adams, $80.

David Atherton et ux. to Joseph Faverio, Barnesboro, $150.

Thomas Barnes et ux. et al. to John Barnes, Jr., Barnesboro, $50.

Philip Hopfer et ux. to Pennsylvania Railroad company, Portage borough, $1.

Sarah C. Watt et vir to Pennsylvania Railroad company, Portage borough, $1.

Joseph Hopfer, assignee, to Pennsylvania Railroad company, Portage borough, $1,500.

Rose McGough et vir to Philip Hopfer, Portage borough, $1.

Ellen B. Hopfer et vir to Pennsylvania Railroad company, Portage borough, $1,500.

Ann Plunket to John Plunket, Tunnelhill, $1,500.

Simon Grimes et ux. to John Montgomery, Patton, $900.

John J. Weakland to Milton Kirkpatrick, Carroll, $10.

David M. Lewis et ux. to R. E. Creswell, Johnstown, $1.

Cambria Iron company to George W. Hamilton, Westmont, $800.

Citizens' Cemetery association to George W. Hamilton, Grand View, $135.

Thomas Barnes et ux. et al. to William Hoole, Barnesboro, $200.

A. J. Buck to Frank Willebrand, Gallitzin borough, $650.

Administrator of Samuel J. Horner to David Ott, Stonycreek, $200.

Administrator of Samuel J. Horner to Daniel J. Rose, Stonycreek, $345.

Sheriff of Cambria county to John Widman, Conemaugh, $800.

John Widman et ux. to John C. Hildebrand, Conemaugh, $950.

Christena Pfister et al. to Cambria county Railroad company, Carroll, $200.

Theres Zollner to Cambria county Railroad company, Carroll, $45

John Krug et ux. to Cambria County Railroad company, Susquehanna, $300.

John C. Martin et ux. to John G. Klinsky, Portage township, $125.

Cambria Iron company to Elias Rorabaugh, East Conemaugh, $350.

### Local Institute.

A Joint institute of Reade and White townships will be held at Mountaindale, January 2, 1897. The institute will begin at 9 o'clock sharp, and the following program will be rendered:

Address of Welcome, Dr. Ruthranff; Response, J. J. Mitchell. Lip Study—How to Prevent, E. P. Hadden and Miss Stroup; Evidence of a teachers Succes or Failure. A. H. George and R. C. Van Scoyoc; Can an Ungraded school be Graded and Taught according to the adopted Course of Study? Rachael Leidy, Emma Rodkey and D. E. Hollen; The Teacher's Position in the School room, W. H. Troxell and J. E. Brown.

—A simple remedy for neuralgia is to apply grated horseradish, prepared the same as for table use, to the temple.

### Miscellaneous Notices.

FARM FOR RENT.—Farm in Lower Washington township. For partiedlars call on JOHN A. LAHEY, Lilly, Pa.

WANTED.—A general representative in this county to organize local boards for the Artisans' Savings and Loan Association. Address 91 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg Pa. mch22

WANTED.—A reliable man to represent a loan institution in Cambria county Money loaned in sums of $100 to $10,000. For particulars apply to W. M. DAVIS, Ocalport, Pa. mch29tf.

THE Ebensburg Building & Loan Association will offer for sale at the Rey Building, Ebensburg, on the fourth Monday in December, $2,000.00. THOS. DAVIS, President.
LESTER LAKIMER, Secretary.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given to all parties interested not to sell anything to my wife, Cecilia Gettings, or any of her family on my account as I will not pay any debts contracted by them or either of them.
THOMAN GETTINGS.
St. Augustine, Pa., Dec 21, 1896 2t 3t.

### AT THE OLD RELIABLE.

Everybody, and especially the oyster-loving people of Ebensburg, are invited to call at Robt. McBreen's Old Reliable Restaurant, when they want good, fresh Oysters, by the pint, quart or gallon Or you can have them Stewed or Fried, all at the lowest price. Fresh Oysters every day. oct11tf

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### AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphan's Court of Cambria County.
In the matter of the first and final account of John Spencer, executor of Christopher Hornick, late of Richland township, deceased.
And now, December 14th, on motion of Jacob Zimmerman, Esq., attorney for John Spencer, executor of the estate of Christopher Hornick, late of Richland township, deceased, James M. Walters, Esq., appointed auditor to report distribution of the fund in the hands of the accountant to and among the parties entitled to the same and to report upon exceptions if any be filed.
BY THE COURT.
Extract from the record, Certified December 14, 1896.
F. B. JONES Clerk O. C.
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the above appointment, I will sit at my office, Rooms No Alma Hall, Main street, Johnstown, Pa., on THURSDAY, the 18TH day of JANUARY, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where all persons interested may appear if they deem proper or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.
JAMES M. WALTERS,
Dec. 18 3t. Auditor.

### AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county.
In the matter of the assigned estate of Walter Bowling, et ux. to Herman Baumer, for the benefit of creditors, the undersigned gives notice that he has been appointed auditor to distribute the funds to and among those entitled, as well as to pass upon exceptions to said assignee's account, if any be filed, and for the above purpose he will sit at his offiee, Room No. 7, Wolf Block, Johnstown, Pa., on TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons interested may attend or be forever debarred from any share in the distribution of the funds in the hands of said assignee.
JAMES B. O'CONNOR,
Dec 25 3t. Auditor.

### AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county.
In the matter of the assigned estate of John F. Dewiing to Herman Baumer for the benefit of creditors, the undersigned gives notice that he has been appointed auditor to distribute the funds to and among those entitled, as well as to pass upon exceptions to the said assignee's account, if any be filed, and for the above purpose he will sit at his office, Room 7 Wooll Block, Johnstown, Pa., TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons interested may attend or be forever debarred from coming in on said funds.
JAMES B O'CONNOR,
Dec. 25, 3t. Auditor.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration having been granted to the under igned by the Orphans' Court of Cambria county, in the estate of Michael Guisler late of Summerhill borough deceased.
Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate to make payment and all persons having claims against the same to present them to the administrator without delay.
JOHN T. LONG,
Administrator.
J. F. McKENRICK, attorney for administrator.
Summerhill, Pa., December 10th, 1896. 1l 6t

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Inquire of M. D. BEAKER.
Aug 28 tf.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual election of a Board of Directors of the Protection Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the secretary, on the 11th day of January, 1897, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 2 P. M.
T. W. DICK, Secretary.
Ebensburg, Pa., Dec, 16th, 1897. Dec 18 3t.

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Schedule in effect November 16, 1896.

**Connections at Cresson.**

EAST.

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| Seashore Express, week days | 6 30 a m |
| Altoona Accommodation, week days | 9 23 a m |
| Main Line Express, daily | 10 59 a m |
| Altoona Accom., week days | 1 00 p m |
| Harrisburg Accommodation, Sundays only | 1 07 p m |
| Mail Express, daily | 5 17 p m |
| Philadelphia Express, daily | 8 11 p m |

WEST.

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| Johnstown Accommodation, week days | 8 14 a m |
| Pacific Express, daily | 8 37 a m |
| Way Passenger, daily | 2 09 p m |
| Mail Train, daily | 3 55 p m |
| Pittsburg Express, daily | 3 58 p m |
| Fast Line, daily | 8 28 p. m |
| Johnstown Accommodation, week days | 8 34 p m |

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TRAINS ARRIVE

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| From Hastings and the North | 7 36 a m |
| From Cresson | 10 05 a m |
| From Vintondale | 2 37 p m |
| From Cresson | 5 03 p m |
| From Cresson | 5 55 p m |
| From Vintondale | 7 20 p m |
| From Cresson | 9 10 p m |

TRAINS LEAVE

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| For Cresson | 7 39 a m |
| For Hastings and the North | 10 02 a m |
| For Vintondale | 10 15 a m |
| For Cresson | 2 35 p m |
| For Vintondale | 5 06 p m |
| For Hastings and the north | 5 50 p m |
| For Cresson | 7 20 p m |

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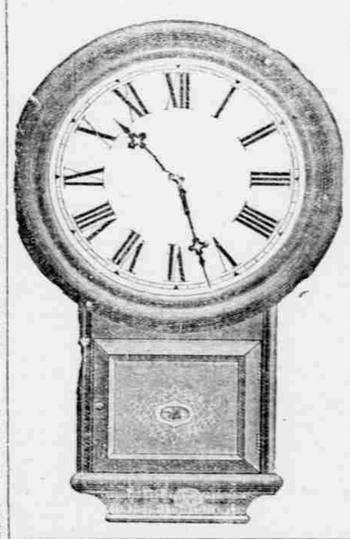

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# NO CHANCE FOR CUBA.

## The Cameron Resolution Will Be Defeated.

### BOTH HALE AND THURSTON SAY SO.

**The Maine Man a Strong Enemy, but the Nebraska Senator Greatly Favors It The Latter Says the Obstacles Cannot Be Overcome.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The opponents of the Cuban resolutions assert that Senator Vest's failure to talk on the question in the senate as expected is due to the fact that he has been induced to look into authorities which do not sustain his view of the question and that he has concluded to investigate further before speaking. The question is one requiring close attention to precedents and to constitutional points and all recognize that it is necessary to proceed with care.

Senators agreed generally that if Vest and Hill did not speak the entire Cuban question should go over until after the holidays.

"We've got them beat," said Senator Hale sententiously. He spoke for the anti-Cubanites.

"On a vote?" was asked.

The reply was in the affirmative.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Speaking of Cuban affairs, Senator Thurston, while in this city, said: "There is little doubt but that the Cameron resolution is strongly favored by a good majority in both houses. I believe, however, that the opposition will throw so many obstacles in the way of the passage of the resolution that it will be found impossible to get it through. I feel, however, that eventually a compromise will be reached, in which the insurgents will be accorded the right of belligerency.

"Personally, I favor radical measures. The United States has vast interests at stake. The island is being rapidly depopulated, and the people who remain are in many cases actually suffering for the necessities of life. There are many excellent reasons why the United States should intervene without delay."

### CONGRESS TAKES A REST.

**An Adjournment Until After the Holidays—House and Senate Sessions.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The senate, in its closing session preceding holiday adjournment, was unexpectedly diverted from Cuba to the Pacific railroads. An unusually large crowd was in the galleries, anticipating that Mr. Vest would continue his speech, begun Monday, on the attitude of Mr. Olney toward the Cameron resolution. The interest this had awakened was shown by the presence, in the diplomatic gallery, of First Assistant Secretary of State Rockhill, who is next in rank to Mr. Olney in state affairs and who has had special charge of the reports coming from consuls in Cuba. The foreign delegation also was well represented. Soon after the session opened Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota called up his resolution relative to the trust notes of the Pacific railroad.

The senator made a savage onslaught on the Pacific railroad system in general, charging that a combination of private interests was seeking to absorb the roads and close out the government. This opened the entire question and Mr. Morgan (Ala.) followed with a bitter arraignment of the Pacific roads, charging them with fraud and crime on a gigantic scale.

The speech lasted until the morning hour had nearly expired, thus sending over the Cuban question until after the holidays. Mr. Call secured the adoption of a resolution asking the secretary of state for information relative to the killing of Charles Gavin, an American citizen, by the Spanish forces in Cuba. Further than this, the session was uneventful and the senate adjourned for the holidays, lasting until Jan. 3.

### STEEL POOL STILL BROKEN.

**The Effort to Patch It Up Failed In New York.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The steel and iron men have adjourned, and it is officially announced that no agreement had been reached.

From an unofficial source it was learned that the harmony committee had failed in its purpose to bring about an agreement between the rail and billet men and declared itself unable to go ahead. It seems that one element favors the making of concession to the Bellaire Steel company and another element opposes this.

This is the rock on which the meeting split, with the result that the situations, as regards the pool and prices in general, is just the same as it was after the withdrawal of the Bellaire company.

**For Mrs. Stowe's Character.**

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 23.—Mayor Simral has received a letter from Chas. Umbers of Dunedin, New Zealand, informing him that a subscription of £70 would be sent as a Christmas gift for George Lears Clark, who is understood to be the George Harris of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Clark is near starvation.

**Pringree Alleged Bribery.**

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—A temporary injunction has been granted by the circuit court on application of Mayor Pingree, restraining the county supervisors from confirming a proposed contract for erection of a county building. The mayor alleges bribery against 11 of the supervisors.

**Labor Officials Discharged.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The officers of the Journeymen Stonecutters' association, who were arrested on the charge of conspiracy preferred by William Mahony, who had been thrown out of work when a strike was declared, have been discharged.

**Murdered by a Hired Man.**

MADELIA, Minn., Dec. 23.—Farmer Fred Joblinski and son have been murdered and his wife wounded by the hired man. The murderer is still at large. Joblinski had opposed the marriage of his daughter to the hired man.

**Failed Banker Made Postmaster.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Robert A. Smith, who was largely interested in the Bank of Minnesota which failed, was nominated by President Cleveland to be postmaster of St. Paul and the senate confirmed the nomination.

**$2,000,000 In Public Bequests.**

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The will of the late Henry L. Pierce, ex-mayor of Boston, has been filed in probate. Upward of $2,000,000 in public bequests are distributed by the document.

**Wealthy Man Murdered.**

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 23.—Alfred Wilson, aged 70, one of the best known residents of Andrew county, has been murdered by robbers near Avenue City.

**A Negro Lynched.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23.—Joe James, colored, has been lynched at Woodstock. He attempted to assault Fannie Smith, aged 17.

**To Give Unemployed Work.**

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 23.—To set the unemployed at work $10,000 has been raised at a meeting of the board of trade to establish a shoe industry.

**Poisoned by Alcohol.**

MATTOON, Ills., Dec. 23.—Two deaths, the result of alcohol poisoning, has occurred in this city.

### THE McKINLEYS AT HOME.

**Every One of the Party Got New Clothes In Chicago.**

CANTON, O., Dec. 23.—The President-elect and Mrs. McKinley have arrived home. He left Chicago shortly after 10 o'clock last night, going by the Pennsylvania railroad. He left the home of Mr. McWilliams at 9:30 o'clock and in company with his wife, Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams and Captain Heistand was driven to the depot. Ahead of them went a baggage wagon loaded with six trunks, everyone of them heavier than when the McKinley party brought them to Chicago.

From the president-elect down to Mrs. McKinley's maid, every one of the party had some new clothes. In one trunk was the gown which Mrs. McKinley will wear at the inauguration and in another was a new suit for Mr. McKinley.

The most exciting part of Mr. McKinley's last day in Chicago was when 4,000 persons surrounded his carriage in front of the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Co., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and refused to let the carriage move on till the president-elect had shaken hands with several hundren of them. He was finally rescued by the police.

Just before leaving Chicago Mr. McKinley declared that his health was much improved and that his rest had done him "a world of good."

### MORE FAILURES IN CHICAGO.

**Runs on Three Banks Owing to Monday's Banks Collapse.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The failures of Angus & Gindele, general contractors, the American Brewing, Malting and Elevator company, the George A. Weisse Malting and Elevator company and George A. Weisse, individually, all of these being due to the collapse of the National Bank of Illinoise, and small runs on three banks were the echoes of the big bank failures.

Runs were made on the Garden City Banking and Trust company, the Hibernian Savings bank and the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, but none were of much importance.

### THE MINERS ALL ESCAPED.

**No Deaths From the Explosion In a Wilkesbarre Shaft.**

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 23.—A canvass of the homes of miners employed in the Baltimore mine, where the explosion occurred, shows that all the men escaped from the mine. It was at first supposed that four or five of the men had been caught in that portion of the mine where the explosion occurred, but now all have been accounted for. The men who were taken out are getting along nicely.

The hospital physicians report that all their patients are doing well. There is a small fire burning in the mine, and the officials hope to have it under control before long. Everybody is rejoicing over the gallant work of the rescuers.

### TO IMPROVE THE ROADS.

**A Conference Called by the Government to Be Held In New York.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Charles Freeman Johnson of San Francisco, special agent of the United States office of road inquiry, department of agriculture and acting secretary of the National League for Good Roads, is in the city to attend a meeting for consultation on good roads matters.

Branch offices will be opened in New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Milwaukee, Omaha and San Francisco, which will co-operate with the Washington office having a full supply of literature published by the government.

### WENT DOWN WITH A BRIDGE.

**One Person Killed and Others Hurt at Littleton, W. Va.**

WHEELING, Dec. 23.—At Littleton, Wetzel county, a wire suspension bridge over a creek broke down while crowded with people returning home from a church entertainment and about 30 or 40 people were precipitated into the bed of the stream.

Wilbert Hammond, aged 18, was killed. The dangerously wounded are: Miss Artie Brown and Harry Anderson. Less badly hurt: Miss Cora Murphy, Simmons Fox, William Mays and son and Newt Carman.

The fact that the creek was low prevented greater loss of life.

### DAN HANNA AGAIN SUED.

**Another Election Bet Makes Trouble For the Chairman's Son.**

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Dan. R. Hanna, son of Hon. M. A. Hanna, has been again sued on an election bet. Young Hanna wagered $250 with Allen A. Armstrong that McKinley would carry Ohio by more than 50,000. The money was turned over to Hanna by the stakeholder. Armstrong makes the point that Bryan should be credited with the People's party vote as well as with the Democratic vote.

Mr. Hanna was sued on this same point a few weeks ago, and settled out of court to avoid the annoyance and notoriety entailed by the litigation.

**Kate Fiel'o's Body Arrived.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The steamer Belgic arrived from Hongkong and Yokohama via Honolulu bringing to port the remains of Miss Kate Field. The funeral services will take place at Trinity Episcopal church on next Sunday afternoon, and the body will be immediately afterwards conveyed to the crematory, where it will be incinerated.

**Found Dead Under a Tree.**

SANDY LAKE, Pa., Dec. 23.—The friends and neighbors who have diligently searched for John Peters of Millbrook, since his sudden and mysterious disappearance from his home on Thursday, found his dead body pinned underneath a tree in the forest about one half mile from his house.

**A Preacher Fifty Years.**

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—The fiftieth anniversary of the Rev. John G. Brown, D. D., in the Monongahela presbytery, has been celebrated in the Seventh United Presbyterian church, Forty-fourth street. A large audience was present.

**Caught Fire at the Grate.**

GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—Four-year-old Sarah Harvey, living at Westmoreland City, has met with a horrible death. Her clothing caught fire at a grate. She then ran from the house, but assistance came too late.

**Armenians Ordered Released.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—An irade has been issued granting amnesty to all Armenian prisoners except those sentenced to death for murder. The terms of the amnesty include about 100 Armenians under sentence of death for other offenses than murder.

**A Woman's Suffrage Dinner.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—About 200 members of the New York city Woman's Suffrage League and their guests partook of the fifth annual dinner of the Pilgrim mothers, at the Tuxedo. Lillie Devereaux Blake acted as president.

**Sixty-Eight Anarchists Sentenced.**

BARCELONA, Dec. 23.—An additional batch of anarchists has been sentenced. Forty of them were condemned to 20 years' imprisonment and 28 to eight years in prison.

**Won't Reply to the Message.**

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The cabinet decided at its session not to make any reply to President Cleveland's message through diplomatic channels.

**Small Revolution In Madrid.**

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The Correspondencia asserts that the gendarmes have dispersed a small revolutionary band near this city.

# TO PREVENT A WAR.

## European Nations Want to Settle the Cuban Question.

### WEYLER TAKES THE FIELD AGAIN.

**The Spanish Minister of War Gives Army Officers Information Regarding the United States' Military Condition—Weyler Gets Word to Hurry Up Matters.**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A special dispatch from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the three powers most interested, offer their services in the Cuban question in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States and to terminate the revolt.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The newspapers here praise the activity shown by General Azcarraga, the minister of war, which, according to the reports, included the distribution of pamphlets among leading Spanish army officers describing the military condition in the United States.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—Captain General Weyler has gone to Mariel on board the Spanish cruiser Legazpi, north of the military line, across the province of Pinar del Rio, with the intention of resuming personal command of the operations against the insurgents in that part of Cuba.

Generals Arolas and Gasco, as well as the rest of the Spanish generals in the province of Pinar del Rio, have assembled at Artemisa, where they are awaiting the arrival of Captain General Weyler in order to commence a new plan of campaign. Captain General Weyler will combine the movements of General Arolas' troops with the forces of the military line, all these troops beginning active movements in the province, and it is understood that there will be no cessation of activity until the campaign in that part of the island is finished. General Arolas, however, will be sent to take command of the military line, extending from Januaro Moron, in the province of Puerto Principe.

The captain general is disturbed by reports of insurgent operations in Santa Clara. Beside a strong hint is said to have reached him from Madrid that something must be done by Jan. 1 to forestall action by congress on the Cameron resolution.

Affairs east of the trocha grow worse. The Spanish officials there cannot cope with the insurgent bands in operation in that section, using the hills as their base of operations and they are confined to the towns.

KEY WEST, Dec. 23.—Passengers from Havana say Gomez is advancing rapidly, and it is thought that Weyler will, if possible, prevent his coming to the gates of Havana. It is stated that from Cuban sources the Cuban leader is wild over the murder of his only son and his beloved chief lieutenant, and is burning to revenge their fall. The Cubans in the army are infuriated also.

Dr. Zertucha is a marked man too, and it is reported that a move has been made to abduct him. He is now in a fortress some miles from Havana, with a strong Spanish guard. His trip to Spain will be postponed, the Cubans say, and if he goes over there they have friendly hands in that country who will avenge Maceo and young Gomez. Major Cirujeda also comes in for his share of hatred and revenge.

Strong insurgent bands are now 80 close to Havana that the Spanish soldiers seldom venture far out of the gates of the city, except in strong force. A company of 25 were attacked Sunday night not over three miles from the palace by an insurgent band and several of them killed.

This audacity has worried Weyler, but he cannot capture or disperse them. An American named Amos Johnson, from Texas, is their most prominent leader.

### WONDERFUL ANSWER TO PRAYER.

**A Woman Quickly Healed of Long Illness at Edinboro.**

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 23.—From Edinboro, this county, comes a wonderful story of a faith cure. Mrs. Orpha Tuttle had been ill for 18 weeks with neuralgia and pleurisy. The other night she asked Mrs. Talbott and Mrs. C. C. Culbertson to pray that she might get well. They did so, and when they finished she rose from her bed, dressed herself and walked about. In less than half an hour from the time her friends entered the house Mrs. Tuttle was on her feet and walking about.

Two hours later she left her home and walked 40 rods to a religious meeting. She walked home after the meeting. On Sunday she walked to the Methodist church. Since Sunday she has been doing her own housework as she did before her sickness. Monday she was on the streets and making calls. She says that she is now perfectly well and that the Lord has healed her.

### SPANIARDS BADLY THRASHED.

**They Sent Out False Reports About a Battle In the Philippines.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Private advices from Manilla, Philippine Islands, have reached here and are verified by an account that appears in the Hongkong press, received per steamer Belgic. The news contained in the communication deals with the attack by the Spanish on the Noveleta isthmus, and the attempt of the Spanish to dislodge the insurgents in Cavito and Vijo.

At the end of the campaign, the Spanish authorities sent out dispatches reporting that the attack had been successful and that the rebel loss was very heavy. The Spanish claimed to have lost about 35 killed and 100 wounded. It is now learned that the great victor that the Castilians predicted ended in ignominious defeat. The rebels hold Noveleta against warships and troops. The Spaniards retired after suffering heavy loss.

### DRILLING TO FIGHT IN CUBA.

**Three Companies Organized In Ohio Towns to Join Gomez.**

DEFIANCE, O., Dec. 23.—Three companies of Cuban recruits are being organized here and at Napoleon and Paulding. Thirty-seven men have joined the company here and they are partially armed and equipped. They are being drilled nightly.

It is believed the three companies will muster about 150 men and they are expected to start for Cuba as soon as they can get transportation. Most of them are members of the national guard and of the Sons of Veterans. They expect to join the Ohio legion, which is a part of the command of General G[illegible].

### A RECENT CAMPAIGN ISSUE.

**It Figures In Debate Before the House Judiciary Committee.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The issue which was known in the last presidential campaign as "government by injunction" has been the subject of debate by the house committee on judiciary. The committee has before it a substitute for the bill which passed the senate last June dividing contempts of court into direct and indirect classes and permitting trials by jury in the latter cases.

This substitute is not so sweeping in character as the senate bill and the sentiment of the committee seemed to be to restrict still further its scope. There was a general expression, however, to the effect that United States courts showed a tendency to strain their jurisdiction on the ground of contempt to the point of infringement on the right of trial by juries and a bill probably will be a reported.

### DEBATED THE CIVIL SERVICE.

**It Came Up For Its Yearly Inning In the House.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The house has passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and then adjourned for the holiday recess. This is the first time in the history of congress that the legislative bill has been passed before the holidays.

The day was devoted to the annual debate of the civil service law, and, as usual, the attempt to strike out the provision for the commission was overwhelmingly defeated.

There was a good deal of threshing over old straw and sparring for political points. Mr. Brosius, chairman of the civil service committee, defended the law. Others who participated in the debate were Messrs. Baker (Rep., N. H.), Walker (Rep., Mass.), Williams (Dem., Miss.), Bowers (Rep., Cal.), and Neil (Dem., Ark.). Mr. Settle (Rep., N. C.), made the motion to strike out the paragraph relating to the civil service, which was defeated—29 to 62. The bill as passed carries $21,669,369.02, $36,379 more than the current bill.

### WORK OF DAWS' COMMISSION.

**Choctaws Accept Terms and Others Are Likley to Do So.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—General F. C. Armstrong of the Dawes Indian commission has reached here and presented a report covering the work of the commission up to date. The report was accompanied by the new treaty with the Choctaws who have agreed by the treaty to break up tribal relations and assume the new form of government within eight years.

General Armstrong reports that the surveying and allotment of lands cannot be completed for four or five years and outlines plans formulated by the commission for the disposition of various intricate questions that will follow the change of conditions. The commission believed that the other Indian nations are likely to follow the action of the Choctaws at an early date.

### PACIFIC RAILROAD DEBTS.

**The Secretary of the Treasury Sends a Report to Congress.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the treasury has sent to congress a computation of the Pacific railroad debts, as made by the government actuary. The statement shows that the advances to the Union Pacific, including the Kansas Pacific, by the government will, at maturity, the 1st of next July, amount to $92,846,285, of which sufficient has been repaid to reduce the amount to $53,289,593.

The balance due on account of the Central Pacific on the 1st of July next will be $60,318,377.

### ONE MINISTER OBJECTED

**A Scene at the Consecration of the Archbishop of Canterbury.**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—During the ceremony of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Frederick Temple, D. D., as archbishop of Canterbury at Bow church, the Rev. Mr. Brownjohn, chaplain of the late bishop of Bath, rose and protested against the consecration on the ground that Dr. Temple was a self-confessed believer in the full doctrine of evolution and that this doctrine was incompatible with the fidelity to the book of common prayer and the articles of religion.

The royal commissioners declined to hear the Rev. Mr. Brownjohn.

After leaving the church Mr. Brownjohn distributed leaflets to a few persons outside the building and the policemen made them "move on," as reading the leaflets obstructed traffic.

### ANOTHER REDUCTION IN COFFEE.

**The Arbuckles Say They Will Not Meet Sugar Trust Prices.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—As an evidence that the American Sugar Refining company intend forcing operations in the coffee trade the announcement has been made to the coffee trade by the sugar people of a further reduction of ⅛ cent per pound in the price of the coffee of the Woolson Spice company.

This makes a total reduction of 1 cent since the purchase of a controlling interest in the spice company by the sugar people. Thus far Arbuckle Bros. have not met the reduction, and say they will not, as their customers will stick with them. The feeling in the coffee trade is that the reduction of 1 cent per pound is merely preliminary to a much severer one.

**Accused of Arson.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Joseph L. Harris has been arrested at Monmouth, Ills. Harris was indicted here in July, 1895, for arson in the third degree.

**Killed by Escaping Gas.**

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Donald Donovan has been found unconscious and his wife dead from escaping gas in a room in the Hampton House.

### THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.

WHEAT—No. 1 red, 95@96c; No. 2 red, 93@94c; spring wheat, 95@96c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow ear, old, 26@26¼c; No. 2 shelled, 27½@28c; old high mixed shelled, 27@27½c; mixed ear, 26@26c; new No. 2 yellow ear, 25@25½c.

OATS—No. 1 white, 25¼@25½c; No. 2 white, 24@24½c; extra No. 3 white, 22¼@23c; light mixed, 21@22c.

HAY—No. 1 timothy, $11.25@11.50; No. 2, $8.50@9.50; packing, $6.00@6.50; No. 1 feeding prairie, $7.00@7.50; wagon hay, $14.00@15.00 for timothy.

POULTRY—Large live chickens, 50@55c per pair; live chickens, small, 25@35c; dressed, 9@10c per pound; live ducks, 70@80c per pair; dressed, 11@12c; live turkeys, 9@10c per pound; dressed, 13@14c; live geese, $1.00@1.25 per pair.

GAME—Pheasants, $5.00@5.50 per doz.; quail, $1.25@1.50 per doz.; rabbits, 20@25c per pair; squirrels, 10@15c; wild turkeys, $1.50, prairie hens, $7.00@7.50 per doz.; whole deer, 10@12c per pound; saddles, 18@20c.

BUTTER—Elgin prints, 24c; do creamery, 22½@23½c; Ohio fancy creamery, 19@21c; fancy country roll, 16@17c; low grade and cooking, 8@10c.

CHEESE—Fancy New York, full cream, 11¼@11½c; new Ohios, full cream, late make, 9½@10c; Wisconsin Swiss, in tubs, 11½@12c; limburger, new, 10@11c; Ohio Swiss, in tubs, 11½c; Swiss, in square blocks, 11¾@12c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh Pennsylvania and Ohio, in cases, 19@20c; southern, 16@17c; storage, 15@16c.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.

CATTLE—Receipts were light on Monday; 50 cars on sale; market active; supply today is light, and prices unchanged. We quote the prices as follows: Prime, $4.50@4.70; good, $4.25@4.35; tidy, $3.90@4.10; good butchers', $3.70@3.95; fair, $3.25@3.60; feeders, $3.00@3.90; bulls, stags and cows, $2.00@3.40; bologna cows, $3.00@15.00; fresh cows and springers, $20.00@45.00.

HOGS—Receipts liberal on Monday; market dull and lower. Today receipts were fair and market steady at the following quotations: Prime light Yorkers and pigs, $3.40@3.45; best medium, 3.35@3.40; common to fair, $3.30@3.35; heavy, $3.20@3.30; roughs, $2.00@3.00.

SHEEP—Supply on Monday light; 15 cars on sale; market active; receipts today were light; prices steady. We quote the following prices: Prime, $3.65@3.75; good, $3.35@3.60; fair, $2.65@3.25; common, $2.00@2.50; culls, $1.00@1.50. Lambs—Choice, $5.25@5.50; common to good, $4.00@5.00; veal calves, $6.00@6.25; heavy and thin calves, $3.00@4.00.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.

HOGS—Market firm at $2.50@3.35. Receipts, 3,900 head; shipments, 2,700 head.

CATTLE—Market steady at $3.00@4.40. Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 600 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market for sheep strong at $2.00@3.90. Receipts, 400 head; shipments none. Lambs—Market higher at $3.25@5.00.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

WHEAT—Spot market firmer; No. 1 hard, 89½c.

CORN—Spot market firm; No. 2, 28¾c.

OATS—Spot market inactive; No. 2, 23½c.

CATTLE—No trading. European cables quote American steers at 10¾@12c per pound dressed weight; sheep at 9@10c per pound dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 8½c.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady. Sheep, $2.50@3.75; lambs, $4.75@5.75.

HOGS—Market steady at $3.50@4.00.

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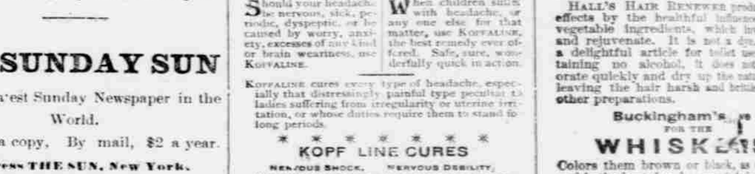

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# NO CHANCE FOR CUBA.

## The Cameron Resolution Will Be Defeated.

### BOTH HALE AND THURSTON SAY SO.

**The Maine Man a Strong Enemy, but the Nebraska Senator Greatly Favors It. The Latter Says the Obstacles Cannot Be Overcome.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The opponents of the Cuban resolutions assert that Senator Vest's failure to talk on the question in the senate as expected is due to the fact that he has been induced to look into authorities which do not sustain his view of the question and that he has concluded to investigate further before speaking. The question is one requiring close attention to precedents and to constitutional points and all recognize that it is necessary to proceed with care.

Senators agreed generally that if Vest and Hill did not speak the entire Cuban question should go over until after the holidays.

"We've got them beat," said Senator Hale sententiously. He spoke for the anti-Cubanites.

"On a vote?" was asked.

The reply was in the affirmative.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Speaking of Cuban affairs, Senator Thurston, while in this city, said: "There is little doubt but that the Cameron resolution is strongly favored by a good majority in both houses. I believe, however, that the opposition will throw so many obstacles in the way of the passage of the resolution that it will be found impossible to get it through. I feel, however, that eventually a compromise will be reached, in which the insurgents will be accorded the right of belligerency.

"Personally, I favor radical measures. The United States has vast interests at stake. The island is being rapidly depopulated, and the people who remain are in many cases actually suffering for the necessities of life. There are many excellent reasons why the United States should intervene without delay."

### CONGRESS TAKES A REST.

**An Adjournment Until After the Holidays—House and Senate Sessions.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The senate, in its closing session preceding holiday adjournment, was unexpectedly diverted from Cuba to the Pacific railroads. An unusually large crowd was in the galleries, anticipating that Mr. Vest would continue his speech, begun Monday, on the attitude of Mr. Olney toward the Cameron resolution. The interest this had awakened was shown by the presence, in the diplomatic gallery, of First Assistant Secretary of State Rockhill, who is next in rank to Mr. Olney in state affairs and who has had special charge of the reports coming from consuls in Cuba. The foreign delegation also was well represented. Soon after the session opened Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota called up his resolution relative to the trust notes of the Pacific railroad.

The senator made a savage onslaught on the Pacific railroad system in general, charging that a combination of private interests was seeking to absorb the roads and close out the government. This opened the entire question and Mr. Morgan (Ala.) followed with a bitter arraignment of the Pacific roads, charging them with fraud and crime on a gigantic scale.

The speech lasted until the morning hour had nearly expired, thus sending over the Cuban question until after the holidays. Mr. Call secured the adoption of a resolution asking the secretary of state for information relative to the killing of Charles Gavin, an American citizen, by the Spanish forces in Cuba. Further than this, the session was uneventful and the senate adjourned for the holidays, lasting until Jan. 3.

### STEEL POOL STILL BROKEN.

**The Effort to Patch It Up Failed In New York.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The steel and iron men have adjourned, and it is officially announced that no agreement had been reached.

From an unofficial source it was learned that the harmony committee had failed in its purpose to bring about an agreement between the rail and billet men and declared itself unable to go ahead. It seems that one element favors the making of concession to the Bellaire Steel company and another element opposes this.

This is the rock on which the meeting split, with the result that the situations, as regards the pool and prices in general, is just the same as it was after the withdrawal of the Bellaire company.

**For Mrs. Stowe's Character.**

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 23.—Mayor Simral has received a letter from Chas Umbers of Dunedin, New Zealand, in forming him that a subscription of £70 would be sent as a Christmas gift for George Lears Clark, who is understood to be the George Harris of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Clark is near starvation.

**Pringree Alleged Bribery.**

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—A temporary injunction has been granted by the circuit court on application of Mayor Pingree, restraining the county supervisors from confirming a proposed contract for erection of a county building. The mayor alleges bribery against 11 of the supervisors.

**Labor Officials Discharged.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The officers of the Journeymen Stonecutters' association, who were arrested on the charge of conspiracy preferred by William Mahony, who had been thrown out of work when a strike was declared, have been discharged.

**Murdered by a Hired Man.**

MADELIA, Minn., Dec. 23.—Farmer Fred Joblinski and son have been murdered and his wife wounded by the hired man. The murderer is still at large. Joblinski had opposed the marriage of his daughter to the hired man.

**Failed Banker Made Postmaster.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Robert A. Smith, who was largely interested in the Bank of Minnesota which failed, was nominated by President Cleveland to be postmaster of St. Paul and the senate confirmed the nomination.

**$2,000,000 In Public Bequests.**

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The will of the late Henry L. Pierce, ex-mayor of Boston, has been filed in probate. Upward of $2,000,000 in public bequests are distributed by the document.

**Wealthy Man Murdered.**

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 23.—Alfred Wilson, aged 70, one of the best known residents of Andrew county, has been murdered by robbers near Avenue City.

**A Negro Lynched.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23.—Joe James, colored, has been lynched at Woodstock. He attempted to assault Fannie Smith, aged 17.

**To Give Unemployed Work.**

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 23.—To set the unemployed at work $10,000 has been raised at a meeting of the board of trade to establish a shoe industry.

**Poisoned by Alcohol.**

MATTOON, Ill., Dec. 23.—Two deaths, the result of alcohol poisoning, has occurred in this city.

### THE McKINLEYS AT HOME.

**Every One of the Party Got New Clothes in Chicago.**

CANTON, O., Dec. 23.—The President-elect and Mrs. McKinley have arrived home. He left Chicago shortly after 10 o'clock last night, going by the Pennsylvania railroad. He left the home of Mr. McWilliams at 9:30 o'clock and in company with his wife, Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams and Captain Heistand was driven to the depot. Ahead of them went a baggage wagon loaded with six trunks, everyone of them heavier than when the McKinley party brought them to Chicago.

From the president-elect down to Mrs. McKinley's maid, every one of the party had some new clothes. In one trunk was the gown which Mrs. McKinley will wear at the inauguration and in another was a new suit for Mr. McKinley.

The most exciting part of Mr. McKinley's last day in Chicago was when 4,000 persons surrounded his carriage in front of the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Co., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and refused to let the carriage move on till the president-elect had shaken hands with several hundren of them. He was finally rescued by the police.

Just before leaving Chicago Mr. McKinley declared that his health was much improved and that his rest had done him "a world of good."

### MORE FAILURES IN CHICAGO.

**Runs on Three Banks Owing to Monday's Banks Collapse.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The failures of Angus & Gindele, general contractors, the American Brewing, Malting and Elevator company, the George A. Weisse Malting and Elevator company and George A. Weisse, individually, all of these being due to the collapse of the National Bank of Illinoise, and small runs on three banks were the echoes of the big bank failures.

Runs were made on the Garden City Banking and Trust company, the Hibernian Savings bank and the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, but none were of much importance.

### THE MINERS ALL ESCAPED.

**No Deaths From the Explosion In a Wilkesbarre Shaft.**

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 23.—A canvass of the homes of miners employed in the Baltimore mine, where the explosion occurred, shows that all the men escaped from the mine. It was at first supposed that four or five of the men had been caught in that portion of the mine where the explosion occurred, but now all have been accounted for. The men who were taken out are getting along nicely.

The hospital physicians report that all their patients are doing well. There is a small fire burning in the mine, and the officials hope to have it under control before long. Everybody is rejoicing over the gallant work of the rescuers.

### TO IMPROVE THE ROADS.

**A Conference Called by the Government to Be Held In New York.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Charles Freeman Johnson of San Francisco, special agent of the United States office of road inquiry, department of agriculture and acting secretary of the National League for Good Roads, is in the city to attend a meeting for consultation on good roads matters.

Branch offices will be opened in New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Milwaukee, Omaha and San Francisco, which will co-operate with the Washington office having a full supply of literature published by the government.

### WENT DOWN WITH A BRIDGE.

**One Person Killed and Others Hurt at Littleton, W. Va.**

WHEELING, Dec. 23.—At Littleton, Wetzel county, a wire suspension bridge over a creek broke down while crowded with people returning home from a church entertainment and about 30 or 40 people were precipitated into the bed of the stream.

Wilbert Hammond, aged 18, was killed. The dangerously wounded are: Miss Artie Brown and Harry Anderson. Less badly hurt: Miss Cora Murphy, Simmons Fox, William Mays and son and Newt Carman.

The fact that the creek was low prevented greater loss of life.

### DAN HANNA AGAIN SUED.

**Another Election Bet Makes Trouble For the Chairman's Son.**

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Dan. R. Hanna, son of Hon. M. A. Hanna, has been again sued on an election bet. Young Hanna wagered $250 with Allen A. Armstrong that McKinley would carry Ohio by more than 50,000. The money was turned over to Hanna by the stakeholder. Armstrong makes the point that Bryan should be credited with the People's party vote as well as with the Democratic vote.

Mr. Hanna was sued on this same point a few weeks ago, and settled out of court to avoid the annoyance and notoriety entailed by the litigation.

**Kate Field's Body Arrived.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The steamer Belgic arrived from Hongkong and Yokohama via Honolulu bringing to port the remains of Miss Kate Field. The funeral services will take place at Trinity Episcopal church on next Sunday afternoon, and the body will be immediately afterwards conveyed to the crematory, where it will be incinerated.

**Found Dead Under a Tree.**

SANDY LAKE, Pa., Dec. 23.—The friends and neighbors who have diligently searched for John Peters of Millbrook, since his sudden and mysterious disappearance from his home on Thursday, found his dead body pinned underneath a tree in the forest about one half mile from his house.

**A Preacher Fifty Years.**

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—The fiftieth anniversary of the Rev. John G. Brown, D. D., in the Monongahela presbytery, has been celebrated in the Seventh United Presbyterian church, Forty-fourth street. A large audience was present.

**Caught Fire at the Grate.**

GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—Four-year-old Sarah Harvey, living at Westmoreland City, has met with a horrible death. Her clothing caught fire at a grate. She then ran from the house, but assistance came too late.

**Armenians Ordered Released.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—An irade has been issued granting amnesty to all Armenian prisoners except those sentenced to death for murder. The terms of the amnesty include about 100 Armenians under sentence of death for other offenses than murder.

**A Woman's Suffrage Dinner.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—About 200 members of the New York city Woman's Suffrage League and their guests partook of the fifth annual dinner of the Pilgrim mothers, at the Tuxedo. Lillie Devereaux Blake acted as president.

**Sixty-Eight Anarchists Sentenced.**

BARCELONA, Dec. 23.—An additional batch of anarchists has been sentenced. Forty of them were condemned to 20 years' imprisonment and 28 to eight years in prison.

**Won't Reply to the Message.**

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The cabinet decided at its session not to make any reply to President Cleveland's message through diplomatic channels.

**Small Revolution In Madrid.**

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The Correspondencia asserts that the gendarmes have dispersed a small revolutionary band near this city.

# TO PREVENT A WAR.

## European Nations Want to Settle the Cuban Question.

### WEYLER TAKES THE FIELD AGAIN.

**The Spanish Minister of War Gives Army Officers Information Regarding the United States' Military Condition—Weyler Gets Word to Hurry Up Matters.**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A special dispatch from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the three powers most interested, offer their services in the Cuban question in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States and to terminate the revolt.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The newspapers here praise the activity shown by General Azcarraga, the minister of war, which, according to the reports, included the distribution of pamphlets among leading Spanish army officers describing the military condition in the United States.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—Captain General Weyler has gone to Mariel on board the Spanish cruiser Legazpi, north of the military line, across the province of Pinar del Rio, with the intention of resuming personal command of the operations against the insurgents in that part of Cuba.

Generals Arolas and Gasco, as well as the rest of the Spanish generals in the province of Pinar del Rio, have assembled at Artemisa, where they are awaiting the arrival of Captain General Weyler in order to commence a new plan of campaign. Captain General Weyler will combine the movements of General Arolas' troops with the forces of the military line, all these troops beginning active movements in the province, and it is understood that there will be no cessation of activity until the campaign in that part of the island is finished. General Arolas, however, will be sent to take command of the military line, extending from Jaucaro Moron, in the province of Puerto Principe.

The captain general is disturbed by reports of insurgent operations in Santa Clara. Beside a strong hint is said to have reached him from Madrid that something must be done by Jan. 1 to forestall action by congress on the Cameron resolution.

Affairs east of the trocha grow worse. The Spanish officials there cannot cope with the insurgent bands in operation in that section, using the hills as their base of operations and they are confined to the towns.

KEY WEST, Dec. 23.—Passengers from Havana say Gomez is advancing rapidly, and it is thought that Weyler will, if possible, prevent his coming to the gates of Havana. It is stated that the Cuban sources the Cuban leader is wild over the murder of his only son and his beloved chief lieutenant, and is burning to revenge their fall. The Cubans in the army are infuriated also.

Dr. Zertucha is a marked man too, and it is reported that a move has been made to abduct him. He is now in a fortress some miles from Havana, with a strong Spanish guard. His trip to Spain will be postponed, the Cubans say, and if he goes over there they have friendly hands in that country who will avenge Maceo and young Gomez. Major Cirujeda also comes in for his share of hatred and revenge.

Strong insurgent bands are now so close to Havana that the Spanish soldiers seldom venture far out of the gates of the city, except in strong force. A company of 25 were attacked Sunday night not over three miles from the palace by an insurgent band and several of them killed.

This audacity has worried Weyler, but he cannot capture or disperse them. An American named Amos Johnson, from Texas, is their most prominent leader.

### WONDERFUL ANSWER TO PRAYER.

**A Woman Quickly Healed of Long Illness at Edinboro.**

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 23.—From Edinboro, this county, comes a wonderful story of a faith cure. Mrs. Orpha Tuttle had been ill for 18 weeks with neuralgia and pleurisy. The other night she asked Mrs. Talbott and Mrs. C. C. Culbertson to pray that she might get well. They did so, and when they finished she rose from her bed, dressed herself and walked about. In less than half an hour from the time her friends entered the house Mrs. Tuttle was on her feet and walking about.

Two hours later she left her home and walked 40 rods to a religious meeting. She walked home after the meeting. On Sunday she walked to the Methodist church. Since Sunday she has been doing her own housework as she did before her sickness. Monday she was on the streets and making calls. She says that the is now perfectly well and that the Lord has healed her.

### SPANIARDS BADLY THRASHED.

**They Sent Out False Reports About a Battle In the Philippines.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Private advices from Manilla, Phillippine Islands, have reached here and are verified by an account that appears in the Hongkong press, received per steamer Belgic. The news contained in the communication deals with the attack by the Spanish on the Noveleta isthmus, and the attempt of the Spanish to dislodge the insurgents in Cavito and Vijo.

At the end of the campaign, the Spanish authorities sent out dispatches reporting that the attack had been successful and that the rebel loss was very heavy. The Spanish claimed to have lost about 35 killed and 100 wounded. It is now learned that the great victor: that the Castilians predicted ended in ignominious defeat. The rebels hold Noveleta against warships and troops. The Spaniards retired after suffering heavy loss.

### DRILLING TO FIGHT IN CUBA.

**Three Companies Organized In Ohio Towns to Join Gomez.**

DEFIANCE, O., Dec. 23.—Three companies of Cuban recruits are being organized here and at Napoleon and Paulding. Thirty-seven men have joined the company here and they are partially armed and equipped. They are being drilled nightly.

It is believed the three companies will muster about 150 men and they are expected to start for Cuba as soon as they can get transportation. Most of them are members of the national guard and of the Sons of Veterans. They expect to join the Ohio legion, which is a part of the command of General C——.

### A RECENT CAMPAIGN ISSUE.

**It Figures In Debate Before the House Judiciary Committee.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The issue which was known in the last presidential campaign as "government by injunction" has been the subject of debate by the house committee on judiciary. The committee has before it a substitute for the bill which passed the senate last June dividing contempts of court into direct and indirect classes and permitting trials by jury in the latter cases.

This substitute is not so sweeping in character as the senate bill and the sentiment of the committee seemed to be to restrict still further its scope. There was a general expression, however, to the effect that United States courts showed a tendency to strain their jurisdiction on the ground of contempt to the point of infringement on the right of trial by juries and a bill probably will be a reported.

### DEBATED THE CIVIL SERVICE.

**It Came Up For Its Yearly Tuning In the House.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The house has passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and then adjourned for the holiday recess. This is the first time in the history of congress that the legislative bill has been passed before the holidays.

The day was devoted to the annual debate of the civil service law, and, as usual, the attempt to strike out the provision for the commission was overwhelmingly defeated.

There was a good deal of threshing over old straw and sparring for political points. Mr. Brosius, chairman of the civil service committee, defended the law. Others who participated in the debate were Messrs. Baker (Rep., N. H.), Walker (Rep., Mass.), Williams (Dem., Miss.), Bowers (Rep., Cal.), and Neil (Dem., Ark.). Mr. Settle (Rep., N. C.), made the motion to strike out the paragraph relating to the civil service, which was defeated—29 to 62.

The bill as passed carries $21,669,369.02, $36,379 more than the current bill.

### WORK OF DAWS' COMMISSION.

**Choctaws Accept Terms and Others Are Likley to Do So.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—General F. C. Armstrong of the Dawes Indian commission has reached here and presented a report covering the work of the commission up to date. The report was accompanied by the new treaty with the Choctaws who have agreed by the treaty to break up tribal relations and assume the new form of government within eight years.

General Armstrong reports that the surveying and allotment of lands cannot be completed for four or five years and outlines plans formulated by the commission for the disposition of various intricate questions that will follow the change of conditions. The commission believed that the other Indian nations are likely to follow the action of the Choctaws at an early date.

### PACIFIC RAILROAD DEBTS.

**The Secretary of the Treasury Sends a Report to Congress.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the treasury has sent to congress a computation of the Pacific railroad debts, as made by the government actuary. The statement shows that the advances to the Union Pacific, including the Kansas Pacific, by the government will, at maturity, the 1st of next July, amount to $92,846,285, of which sufficient has been repaid to reduce the amount to $53,259,593.

The balance due on account of the Central Pacific on the 1st of July next will be $60,318,377.

### ONE MINISTER OBJECTED

**A Scene at the Consecration of the Archbishop of Canterbury.**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—During the ceremony of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Frederick Temple, D. D., as archbishop of Canterbury at Bow church, the Rev. Mr. Brownjohn, chaplain of the late bishop of Bath, rose and protested against the consecration on the ground that Dr. Temple was a self-confessed believer in the full doctrine of evolution and that this doctrine was incompatible with the fidelity to the book of common prayer and the articles of religion.

The royal commissioners declined to hear the Rev. Mr. Brownjohn.

After leaving the church Mr. Brownjohn distributed leaflets to a few persons outside the building and the policemen made them "move on," as reading the leaflets obstructed traffic.

### ANOTHER REDUCTION IN COFFEE.

**The Arbuckles Say They Will Not Meet Sugar Trust Prices.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—As an evidence that the American Sugar Refining company intend forcing operations in the coffee trade the announcement has been made to the coffee trade by the sugar people of a further reduction of ⅛ cent per pound in the price of the coffee of the Woolson Spice company.

This makes a total reduction of 1 cent since the purchase of a controlling interest in the spice company by the sugar people. Thus far Arbuckle Bros. have not met the reduction, and say they will not, as their customers will stick with them. The feeling in the coffee trade is that the reduction of 1 cent per pound is merely preliminary to a much sweeter one.

**Accused of Arson.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Joseph L. Harris has been arrested at Monmouth, Ills. Harris was indicted here in July, 1895, for arson in the third degree.

**Killed by Escaping Gas.**

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Donald Donovan has been found unconscious and his wife dead from escaping gas in a room in the Hampton House.

### THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.

WHEAT—No. 1 red, 95@96c; No. 2 red, 93@96; spring wheat, 95@96c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow ear, old, 26@26½c; No. 2 shelled, 25½@26c; old high mixed shelled, 27@27½c; mixed ear, 26@27c; new No. 2 yellow ear, 26@26½c.

OATS—No. 1 white, 25¼@25½c; No. 2 white, 24@24½c; extra No. 3 white, 22½@23c; light mixed, 21@22c.

HAY—No. 1 timothy, $11.25@11.50; No. 2, $8.50@9.50; packing, $6.00@6.50; No. 1 feeding prairie, $7.00@7.50; wagon hay, $14.00@15.00 for timothy.

POULTRY—Large live chickens, 50@55c per pair; live chickens, small, 25@35c; dressed, 9@10c per pound; live ducks, 70@80c per pair; dressed, 11@12c; live turkeys, 9@10c per pound; dressed, 13@14c; live geese, $1.00@1.25 per pair.

GAME—Pheasants, $5.00@5.50 per doz.; quail, $1.25@1.50 per doz.; rabbits, 20@25c per pair; squirrels, 10@15c; wild turkeys, $1.50, prairie hens, $7.00@7.50 per doz.; whole deer, 10@13c per pound; saddles, 18@20c.

BUTTER—Elgin prints, 24c; do creamery, 23@23½c; Ohio fancy creamery, 19@21c; fancy country roll, 16@17c; low grade and cooking, 8@10c.

CHEESE—Fancy New York, full cream, 11¼@11½c; new Ohios, full cream, late make, 9½@10c; Wisconsin Swiss, in tubs, 11½@12c; limburger, new, 10@11c; Ohio Swiss, in tubs, 11½c; Swiss, in square blocks, 11¼@12c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh Pennsylvania and Ohio, in cases, 19@20c; southern, 16@17c; storage, 15@16c.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.

CATTLE—Receipts were light on Monday; 50 cars on sale; market active; supply today is light, and prices unchanged. We quote the prices as follows: Prime, $4.50@4.70; good, $4.25@4.35; tidy, $3.90@4.10; good butchers', $3.70@3.95; fair, $3.25@3.60; feeders, $3.00@3.90; bulls, stags and cows, $2.00@3.40; bologna cows, $3.00@15.00; fresh cows and springers, $20.00@45.00.

HOGS—Receipts liberal on Monday; market dull and lower. Today receipts were fair and market steady at the following quotations: Prime light Yorkers and pigs, $3.40@3.45; best medium, 3.35@3.40; common to fair, $3.30@3.35; heavy, $3.20@3.30; roughs, $2.00@3.00.

SHEEP—Supply on Monday light; 15 cars on sale; market active; receipts today were light; prices steady. We quote the following prices: Prime, $3.65@3.75; good, $3.35@3.60; fair, $2.65@3.25; common, $2.00@2.50; culls, $1.00@1.50. Lambs—Choice, $5.25@5.50; common to good, $4.00@5.00; veal calves, $6.00@6.25; hea y and thin calves, $3.00@4.00.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.

HOGS—Market firm at $2.50@3.35. Receipts, 3,900 head; shipments, 2,700 head.

CATTLE—Market steady at $3.00@4.40. Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 600 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market for sheep strong at $2.00@3.30. Receipts, 400 head; shipments none. Lambs—Market higher at $3.25@5.00.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

WHEAT—Spot market firmer; No. 1 hard, 82½c.

CORN—Spot market firm; No. 2, 28¾c.

OATS—Spot market inactive; No. 2, 22¼c.

CATTLE—No trading. European cables quote American steers at 10½@12c per pound dressed weight; sheep at 9@10c per pound dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 8½c.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady. Sheep, $2.50@3.75; lambs, $4.75@5.75.

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